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### NO DANGER IN SELF GOVERNMENT.

India Should Shoulder  
Its Own Problems.

#### PREMIER'S OPINION.

Rugby, Yesterday.  
A general survey of the problems referred by the Indian Round Table Conference to its Federal Structure Sub-Committee was completed to-day. Lord Chancellor Sankey, its Chairman, anticipates that by Monday morning his report representing the maximum measure of agreement reached by the discussions will be in the hands of members of the Sub-Committee, which will meet for preliminary reviews of the report on Monday afternoon. The examination will be continued on Tuesday and it is hoped that the Sub-Committee will on Thursday make its full report to the Conference in committee or to the Plenary Session.

The reports of various other Sub-Committees will by then be available and the Prime Minister, after considering them, will make a declaration of the Government's policy and intention. If the subsequent events follow the course anticipated, the Conference should complete its labours by January 19 or 20.

In announcing the above to the Sub-Committee, Lord Sankey said that although they still welcomed criticism, they felt that the time for construction had arrived. The Government delegates welcomed as warmly as the Indian delegates the very helpful and valuable contribution which Lord Reading made and he himself believed it was along such lines that a solution would be found.

**Extreme Limit.**  
Sir Akbar Hydari, of Hyderabad, said that he entirely agreed with Lord Reading's safeguards, which were in the interests of India herself. He was prepared to recommend to the Nizam to go to the extreme limit of concession provided due provision was made for external and internal peace as well as for the security of the dynasty he represented.

In return he asked the British India representatives not lightly to set aside the objections he had taken to certain aspects of the constitution which had been recommended.

The Maharaja of Bikaner said that Reading's speech had caused great satisfaction throughout India. At least 75 per cent. of the Indian State if not more would come into the Federation immediately and would soon be followed by others. The Princes wanted to work as willing and co-equal partners with their brothers of British India. The Conference must not, and he prayed God would not fail.

**End to Ambiguity.**  
Lord Peel said that before Conservatives consented to the proposal they must know in detail what it actually was. There should be an end to all ambiguity which might lead to the good faith of Britain being questioned. Denial more closely with the duties and responsibilities of the Viceroy he said that some power of certification must be reserved in order to carry out with the assent of the Cabinet the ordinary work of legislation. If the Viceroy was to be responsible for the Army he must have undivided control and define the situation in which it was to be used and control its mobility and communications.

It might be required to support the Police and the Viceroy must therefore be kept in close touch with conditions in the Provinces. The Viceroy should also exercise control over the Budget and keep in closest touch with movements of National Finance. He should also preside over the Cabinet and maintain familiar touch with affairs. While not wishing to display a critical spirit and excluding no solution, Conservatives wished before the coming stage was put on the building to argue themselves that the foundations were well, truly and harmoniously laid.

**Lord Lothian's Anxiety.**  
Lord Lothian, Liberal, supporting the views expressed by Lord Reading, declared that the only safeguard against revolutionary action was responsibility. It must be placed with the same hands as the Government.

### FAKED ARMED ROBBERY.

Shopkeeper Robbed by  
His Fokis.

#### SECOND CASE IN KOWLOON.

Five shop fokies, Yee Yuk (21), Kai (20), Au Yiu (16), Chan King (18), and Chu Wing (18), in the employment of Lui Ka-yu, master of No. 31, Nam Cheong Street, appeared before Mr. Butters at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court, charged with stealing \$200. They are also charged with receiving various sums of stolen money—first defendant \$31.36, second defendant \$36, third defendant \$23, fourth defendant \$45, and fifth defendant \$35.

All five youths are additionally charged with causing malicious damage to a safe, to the extent of \$20. All pleaded guilty. Detective Sergeant Goodwin said that after receiving a report of an armed robbery on the ground floor of No. 31, Nam Cheong Street, the Police went to the address, which is a paint shop, and found the place in great disorder, a door and safe having been forced open and articles lying all over the floor. The five defendants, who lived on the premises, were found trussed up on the floor. On being questioned at Shamshui Police Station later they admitted staging a fake armed robbery, rifling the safe after forcing it open with a crow-bar. The money, which had been divided, was also produced from various hiding places.

Sergeant Goodwin said that this was the second case of this kind at Shamshui and asked His Worship to take a serious view of it. A sentence of two months' imprisonment was passed on all defendants, for the larceny of the money, the charge of malicious damage being waived.

to be launching India in the Provinces on the basis of self-Government on an ordinary Parliamentary majority rule system in unicameral legislatures. Practically all constitutions until recently within the British Empire had been bicameral. He urged the Conference to consider very carefully, now that the overriding question of responsibility was passing out of the way, whether it could seriously be recommended to India that its ten provinces should start on such a basis.

Sir Bapheendra Sapru, winding up the discussion, recalled that the object of the Conference was not to draft a constitution, which must be left to the constitutional draftsmen later. He thought that he was entitled to ask the Chairman to say that the real object had been attained and to hold that the maximum amount of agreement regarding responsibility at the centre and the Status of India had been arrived at—British Wireless Service.

London, Yesterday.  
Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, in a speech at Seaham Harbour, referring to the Round Table Conference, said that "a situation is being built up in relation to Indian needs and Imperial Safeguards, and I don't see that there is the least danger to this country or to the associated Dominions in giving India those powers of self-government that—with all the qualifications for certain kinds of security that are required—will satisfy it and make it feel that the burdens of its Government rest now upon its own shoulders and not the shoulders of any outside body."—Reuters.

**Maintenance of Rights.**  
Rugby, Yesterday.  
In the discussions preceding in the Services Sub-Committee of the Round Table Conference, there is a general recognition of the altered conditions under the constitution. It was agreed that due provision should be made for the maintenance of rights and safeguards for all persons appointed before the date on which the new constitution comes into force, and that it is desirable to take the steps necessary to reassure the existing members of the service in order to avoid premature retirements.

### TRAMWAYS CAUSE OF CONGESTION.

Passengers' Convenience  
to Be Studied.

#### HINT TO HOME RAILWAYS.

Rugby, Yesterday.  
The final report of the Royal Commission on Transport anticipates that load competition will continue to affect the Railways adversely and suggests that the companies push onward with electrification on suburban lines and improvements in goods and waggon services and speed up their services, reduce their fares, and study passengers' convenience more. The canal transport system should be developed on National lines. The tramways are obsolescent and the cause of unnecessary congestion and danger. Trackless trolleys could be used in transition to other forms of transport.

In connection with the Road Fund, and motor taxation, the Commission's recommendations favour increased contributions from the Road Fund for upkeep to relieve the burden on local rates and higher taxation for heavier types of commercial vehicles, which cause a greater part of the highway wear and tear. The prohibition of lorries over ten tons unloaded weight is suggested.—British Wireless Service.

#### TELEGRAM CHARGES.

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Hong Kong.

The Eastern Extension Australasia and China Telegraph Co., Ltd. informs us that owing to the heavy fall in exchange, the Company is reluctantly compelled to collect currency charges on telegrams at the rate of \$0.82 equal Gold Franc 1.00, commencing on January 10 and until further notice. The following rates will become effective from the date specified above, other rates being obtainable at the Company's office (Tel. 28035). The usual lists will be circulated as soon as possible.

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### RUBBER MAGNATE BANKRUPT.

Francis Henderson  
Files Petition.

#### LOST TWO FORTUNES.

New York, Yesterday.  
Mr. Francis Henderson, ex-President of the New York Rubber Exchange (who in 1918 purchased the International Rubber Trading Company of Singapore), has lodged his voluntary petition in bankruptcy, giving his liabilities as \$26,000, and his assets nil.  
Mr. Henderson lost a fortune in the rubber crash of 1921, and afterwards steadily built it up again, but it is understood that last Autumn's rubber slump wiped out his second fortune.—Reuters American Service.

### PRINCESS ROYAL CHINESE MINISTER OFFERS CONDOLENCES.

Nanking, Yesterday.  
The Chinese Minister in Canton, Mr. Altrok See, expressed yesterday on behalf of the Nationalist Government condolences to the British Government on the occasion of the death of the Princess Royal.—Canton News Agency.

### SLUMP IN SILVER

CHINA'S REPLY TO  
THE U.S.A.

#### LOSS OF TRADE

#### DEPRESSION DUE TO HOME POLICY?

Washington, Yesterday.  
It is understood that the Senate sub-committee which is investigating the causes of the decline of Chinese and American trade, will recommend that the President enter into international negotiations for a silver loan to China (the amount is not mentioned), and negotiate with the British and other Governments for the suspension of the British policy in regard to the sale of silver from India and discuss with the other Powers the advisability of fixing the international value of silver.

In regard to India Mr. Pittman, Chairman of the sub-committee, declared that the British policy of selling silver in a depressed market was the major cause of the world's trade depression.

"Nursing China."  
The Senate sub-committee believes that if China were nursed back into a sound financial condition the country would develop enormously, banditry and militarism gradually disappear, and with peace and sound finance the purchasing power of the inhabitants greatly increase, stimulating international trade with China, particularly in regard to buying some of America's surplus wheat.—Reuters American Service.

In connection with the above, it will be recalled that the China Mail, in a leading article of December 11, made the following statement: The slump in silver, which is the direct cause of the drop in the dollar, may be attributed to the efforts of Great Britain to establish the pound sterling in India by dumping on to the world market at any price silver that has been hoarded for years in the interior of India. This dumping approximates 67,000,000 ounces annually, but there remains in India between five to seven billion ounces which will ultimately be unloaded on the world market. This continued

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### MARRIAGE A DIVINE INSTITUTION.

Pope Says Word "Only"  
Should Be Retained.

#### DIVORCE CONDEMNED.

Rome, Yesterday.  
A Papal encyclical, consisting of 16,000 words, has been issued, reminding the world of the sanctity of marriage—a Divine institution which is often derided and



Pope Pius XI.

despised by men not only in the theatre, the cinema, in books, films and on the wireless, but in their own lives.

The letter, inveighs against divorce, companionate marriage, birth control, and sterilisation of the unfit, and insists that the word "obey" shall be retained in the marriage service. The Pope condemns "exaggerated sex education," and recommends States aid for mothers, pointing out that bountiful assistance seems to be granted to the unmarried and their offspring, but little for the legitimate. Ruler.

### PLOT TO DYNAMITE CUBAN HOTELS.

Bombs in the Suspects'  
Headquarters.

#### SEVERAL ARRESTS.

New York, Yesterday.  
A message from Havana states that the Police have discovered a plot to dynamite a number of Cuban hotels and have arrested several suspects at whose headquarters very powerful dynamite bombs are alleged to have been found.

#### SERIOUS FIRES.

Later.  
In spite of rigorous Government measures, serious fires occurred at sugar plantations at Pinar del Rio and in various parts of Matanzas Province, destroying 287,000 arrobas of sugar cane.—Reuters American Service.

[An earlier message stated:—The Government have discovered a plot to destroy the sugar cane fields in Cuba by a campaign of arson, starting on January 15. The military have been ordered to keep a vigilant watch on all sugar properties throughout the island, and are instructed to shoot or kill anyone attempting to set fire to the cane fields. It is proposed to organise a special militia to protect sugar plantations and manufacturers.]

#### FINER LATER.

To-day's weather report from the Royal Observatory states: The strong anti-cyclone is now central over S.E. Mongolia. A depression is central between the Bonins and the Loochoos.

Strong monsoon prevails along the S.E. Coast of China and fresh monsoon over the N. China Sea.

Forecast:—N. winds; fresh; cloudy at first; finer later.

#### RAINFALL.

Rainfall to 10 a.m. to-day nil. Rainfall since January 1, 0.11 inch against an average of 0.21.

#### TEMPERATURE.

The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:—	
Hong Kong	80
Macao	54
Pratas Island	70
Manila	74
Poochow	48
Amoy	54
Swatow	58
Chafco	36
Shanghai	40

### NEW WORLD SUGAR CONVENTION.

Germans Agree to  
Quota Proposals.

#### LIMITATION PLAN.

London, Yesterday.  
The German delegates attending the negotiations for a new world sugar convention, have agreed to the non-European sugar exporters' proposal that Germany's export quota be 500,000 tons from 1930-1; 850,000 tons from 1931-2, and 800,000 for the succeeding three years. It is expected that German producers will consent to the foregoing at a meeting on January 12.—Reuters.

### CHINESE CUSTOMS.

IMPORTS UNDER TARIFF NOT  
INCLUDED.

#### NATIVE GOODS IMMUNE.

Nanking, Yesterday.  
The Finance Ministry announced this morning that imports under the new tariff are not subject to native customs duties with the 50 lb. limit. It is expected that the 50 lb. customs duties for native goods will be abolished as soon as the export tariff is revised.—Reuters.

### LADY TEACHER'S HONOUR.

\$1,000 Damages Against  
Chinese Paper.

#### "DISGUSTING LIBEL."

"It seems to me that this is a very gross libel. It should never have been made against a young lady of the standing of the plaintiff. Defendants have not come here to justify their statements, and have made no apology. They have, in fact, admitted their liability for it by payment into Court of the full amount claimed by plaintiff."

"I shall give judgment for the plaintiff, for the full amount and costs, and make an order for the payment out."

With these words, Mr. Justice Jackson, in the Summary Court this morning, gave judgment in an action in which Yeung Piu-lu, a lady teacher of the Sai Kwong Girls' School, Shok-ki, in the Cheung Shan (Model) District, Kwangtung, claimed \$1,000 damages in an action for libel against the publisher and the proprietor and Editor of the Wu Chiu Three-day Publication, described as a supplement of the South China Daily News, a Chinese newspaper published in Hollywood Road. The Man Shun Printing Company, of 51, Hollywood Road, and Ho Chung-ling, a partner therein, were co-defendants.

The publisher's name was given as Kong Sau-cham, of 25, Hollywood Road, the proprietor and Editor being Lam Shek-yuen of the same address.

**Painful "Pepper."**  
Mr. Horace Lo, who appeared for plaintiff, explained that she was a lady teacher, aged 23 or 24.

On December 29 last, the defendants, in the paper called Wu Chiu, published the libel complained of. Mr. Lo explained that the publication was known as the "pepper" paper. He then proceeded to read out the article in question, which, he said, contained several very insulting and untrue statements as to the lady's personal appearance, and some entirely unfounded allegations as to her moral character, and her "degenerate" influence upon the management. It was also alleged that her pupils were adversely influenced by her behaviour.

**Chinese Innuendo.**  
It would be noted, said Mr. Lo, that apart from innuendo by means of playing upon certain Chinese words, there was a direct libel later, when the lady was mentioned by name. The terms used, he claimed, were the very worst that could be said of a woman. They were absolutely untrue.

"It is unnecessary for me to observe that the allegations are entirely unfounded," went on Mr. Lo. "There can be no justification whatever for these being made against this unfortunate girl, against whom this paper has seen fit to publish such a disgusting libel. The paper has never admitted its fault, or in any way justified it."

**Damages Unheeded.**  
"After publication of this libel we were instructed by the plaintiff to write to defendants and demand a withdrawal of the article, and also the publication of a full apology in such terms as we should approve. We also, on her behalf, demanded damages. Our demand was not heeded, and thereupon we issued a writ against defendants. As soon as the writ was issued, defendant paid the full amount of the claim for damages and costs into Court."

**"Disgusting Behaviour."**  
"Your Lordship will, no doubt, agree with me that the behaviour of this paper has been disgusting throughout. That it should publish a libel of this nature against a young girl, and refuse to make any public apology, and upon being sued for it to admit its non-justification, and still fall in any way to make amends is beneath the standing of any paper of any kind."

"It calls itself the 'pepper' paper and apparently this libel was published to live up to its so-called 'peppery' character. I shall ask Your Lordship to make the order for paying out of the money in Court."

The Lordship passed judgment as stated.

### BANDITS ROAMING IN KIANGSI.

In Spite of Repeated  
Defeats.

#### BEING SURROUNDED.

Canton, Yesterday.  
In spite of their repeated defeats, the Communist-bandits are reported still to number over 100,000 wandering in different parts of Kiangsi. They have tried every means to avoid direct encounter with the large contingent of Nationalist troops, who are now adopting the plan to surround the outlaws, with the object of completely exterminating them. In addition to ten National divisions now participating in the anti-Red campaign, several more divisions will be despatched to Kiangsi, so as to effect an early elimination of the outlaws.

The Government troops are advancing in different directions towards Ningtao, east of Kiangsi, in which the Communists under Chu Teh, Pang Teh-hui, Mao Tsak-tung and Wang Kung-chieh are concentrated. Ningtao is therefore the immediate objective of the Nationalists.

#### CANTONESE AID.

While marching from Ching-huo to Ningtao, the Kiangsi troops under Chang Fei-chan came in contact with the Reds, and suffered a slight loss due to geographical conditions, but were subsequently reinforced by the 61st Cantonese division, who arrived in time from Taiwo to defeat the bandits. During the severe engagements between the Kiangsi troops and the bandits, the Cantonese surprised the latter by a flanking movement, thus compelling them to yield ground and retreat back to Ningtao.

#### GOODS ACCUMULATE.

In view of Nanhong, Taiyu and Sunfung beyond Kanchow being still held by the Reds, the Kwangtung goods intended for Kiangsi have been accumulated in Nanhong. In order to restore communications between Kwangtung and Kiangsi by the overland route, and to join forces with the 8th Route Army now stationed along the Kwangtung border, the Cantonese troops in Kanchow are planning first to remove this obstruction by checking all bandits on this line, before they start a campaign on a large scale against the Communists in Ningtao.

The forces under Mao Kim-hung and Tam Lang-sing will shortly adopt the offensive against the bandits, when they are informed of the movements of the 19th Route Army southwards. The 125th brigade under Wang Yin-ching left Sicheun and Koting for Shaokuan on the 6th, from where they will move to the Kiangsi border to assist in the suppression of the bandits.—Canton News Agency.

#### MURDER ON SAMPAN.

In connection with the murder of a woman on a sampan, which was found drifting in the dock at Lai-chikok during the week-end, Lo Tachik (12), the body of the murdered woman's daughter-in-law, who was reported missing, was found floating in the Naval Cumber at two o'clock yesterday, and removed to the mortuary.

It may be recalled that the body of the woman was found floating near Lai-chikok, with a rope tied round the neck and with the hands tied up across her body.

#### TIN QUOTA SCHEME.

Singapore, Yesterday.  
A meeting of Chinese miners of Selangor has unanimously decided to support the quota scheme for restriction of tin output.—Reuters.

### STOP PRESS

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Haverá em seguida Cha e dança. A fim de que esta recepção seja revestida do maior brilho possível: Direcção pede a comparecência de todos os Socios e suas Exmas. Famílias e os demais Membros da Comunidade Portuguesa.

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**IRISH SOCIETY.**

BRANCH OF ST. PATRICK'S  
FORMED IN COLONY.

**SUCCESSFUL MEETING.**

There was a very encouraging attendance at the first general and inaugural meeting of the St. Patrick's Society of Hong Kong, which was held at the Chamber of Commerce Room, City Hall, last evening under the chairmanship of Mr. E. P. R. James.

Mr. G. P. Murphy (temporary secretary, who called the meeting) addressed the gathering as follows: Ladies and Gentlemen,—It being past the time for which this meeting is called, I will suggest that we proceed to business. I have sent out notices for this meeting to as many Irishmen as possible in the Colony. An agenda for this meeting has been drawn up, copies have been distributed among you and also copies of our proposed articles of association.

In order that our proceedings may be conducted with regularity I propose that a temporary chairman be installed now to conduct this meeting on the lines of the aforementioned agenda.

With your permission, therefore, I will now call upon Mr. E. P. R. James to take the chair.

**Mr. James' Speech.**

Mr. James then took the chair, and addressing the meeting, said:—Ladies and Gentlemen,—I thank you for the honour you have conferred upon me but wish to emphasise that I am chairman for this meeting only, and that during our proceedings, regular and permanent officials will be elected who will be more suitable than I to preside on future occasions.

It cannot but be evident to everyone of us who have resided even for a few years in this Colony the fact that a central secular Irish Association—founded and run on lines, similar to, and for similar motives as the other National Societies of the far-flung British race—is non-existent here, and we might well engender an Irish organisation founded on the soundest principals which we trust will be durable, charitable, hospitable and

in every way foster and encourage the traditions of our race.

Whilst our lack of an organisation has been so long evident, we hope at this meeting we will fill this long-felt need.

That Hong Kong evidently once had such an organisation I have only recently ascertained. I read only the other day that during the administration of Sir Pope Hennessey, a successful Irish function was held on March 17. What was begun fifty years ago might well be carried out today. Your presence here this evening signifies your unqualified approval of this Society.

I have been asked to state that our Society is non-Partisan and strictly secular with the sole motive in view of providing a central Irish organisation which will be able to devote a certain percentage of its income to deserving charities, and on the Irish National Day, will be able to organise a function to which Irishmen may invite their friends and show them a little of that hospitality for which the Emerald Isle is so famous.

**Rules Adopted.**

The proposed rules of the Society were then put forward and were adopted after considerable discussion while several amendments were made.

**Basis of Constitution.**

Before putting the rules forward for adoption, however, the Chairman said that he wished to make the basis of constitution clear to all those present. It was as follows:—

The Society has been organised to draw together members of the Irish race in Hong Kong under whose control and auspices the anniversary of St. Patrick and other national festivals may be celebrated. To assist charitable causes in general and in particular to relieve distressed and deserving countrymen insofar as the funds of the Society will permit.

**The Committee.**

The committee were elected by ballot, the following gentlemen being chosen to take office:—Sir Joseph Kemp, K.C., Prof. F. A. Radmond, Col. Myles, Lieut.-Comdr. Brown, Dr. Pope, Col. Stokes, Lieut. Mahoney, and Messrs. T. Murphy, B. H. C. Hallows, L. N. Murphy, H. C. Macnamara, G. P. Murphy, E. H. Williams and E. P. R. James.

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MELBOURNE via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.	Melbourne Maru	Wed.,	4th Feb.
CALCUTTA via Singapore & Rangoon.	Himalaya Maru	Sun.,	18th Jan.
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	1884	1883
The Clyde	296,854	419,664
The Wear	99,424	212,360

In 1929 the Clyde produced 532,379 tons and the Wear 245,511 tons.

On the occasion of the launch of the Etruria on September 20, 1884, Mr. John Burns, chairman of the Cunard Company, was reported by the Glasgow Herald to have spoken as follows:—

He had been told that it was an anomaly in shipbuilding to talk of bad times and yet build such immense ships, but he thought that the Cunard Company deserved some credit for contracting for ships of great size and power in depressed times, and he believed that the anomaly would cease to exist, as the company which reduced the time in crossing the Atlantic, coupling therewith comfort, which could be obtained in a greater degree in large than in small ships, would ensure success in the long run. There was no courage, he said, in entering upon great enterprises in prosperous times, but he had faith in the future, and confidence that the Cunard Company would hold its own upon the Atlantic; and he felt convinced that such vessels as the Etruria would command the traffic between Britain and America.

It was no easy thing to conduct maritime enterprises, and he would mention as a fact that during the last year the steamships of the Cunard Company had traversed a distance equal to nearly six times that between the earth and the moon (great laughter) while 42,000 men, forming the crews of the ships, had been entered and discharged.

The Etruria was built by Messrs. John Elder and Co. at Govan. Her length overall was 520 ft., whereas the length of the new Cunarder is expected to be 1,000 ft. The gross tonnage of the Etruria was 8,000, which compares with the 70,000 tons spoken of for the new vessel. With her sister ship Umbria, the Etruria beat all existing speed records and attained between 19 and 20 knots.

### MERCHANT SERVICE.

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#### NEW HEADQUARTERS.

The new headquarters of the Straits Merchant Service Guild at Raffles Quay, Singapore, which were opened by Capt. G. Freyberg, Master Attendant, recently, form an addition to what is rapidly becoming a block of institutional buildings on that site. Already the Institute of Engineers' Club and the Y.W.C.A. headquarters are elected there, says the Free Press.

Situated overlooking the sea and yet almost in the centre of the town these new Guild headquarters, erected on the site of the old Litterage Offices, are admirably and most conveniently placed for the benefit of members enjoying shore leave and are extremely comfortable.

The building's cost roughly \$40,000 and is as handsome as its neighbours. The skeleton construction is of reinforced concrete with covering brickwork and the external finish is of special plaster to imitate stone. The enrichments, such as the carvings, are of precast special stone matching the other work.

One storeyed, the building boasts two main rooms, both of which are about 47 feet x 27 feet. Downstairs is the billiard room, with a bar and ladies room also, and on the first floor, the lounge with additional writing and card rooms. The floors are tiled throughout and the teak woodwork is tastefully coloured.

The chief thing about the appearance of the front elevation are the four corner towers with large predominating roof over the centre mass. From inside, the main view, however, will be along the quay and five arch windows light the lounge giving access to a long balcony.

### ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Thursday January 8.	
Benledi, British str., 8,765 tons, Captain J. H. Petterson, from Manila, Kowloon Wharf.—Gibb Livingstone & Co.	
Chian Lee, Chinese str., 1,860 tons, Capt. K. Ishii, from Canton, buoy No. B37.—Yee Tai Hong.	
Haiyang, British str., 1,363 tons, Capt. W. G. Erwin, from Foochow, Douglas Wharf.—Douglas S.S. Co.	
Irisbank, British str., 3,437 tons, Captain E. Blackmore, from Dalren, buoy No. A3.—Bank Line.	
Kine Maru, Japanese str., 1,261 tons, Capt. K. Hirasawa, from Canton, buoy No. C4.—O.S.K.	
Kueichow, British str., 1,220 tons, Capt. D. Williams, from Canton, buoy No. C16.—B. & S.	
Kwonggang, British str., 1,428 tons, Capt. H. R. Dobson, from Canton, buoy No. B2.—J. M. & Co.	
Lyngmoen, British str., 1,734 tons, Capt. E. Holmes, from Swatow, buoy No. B24.—Kwong Nam & Co.	
Moncalieri, Italian str., 3,241 tons, Capt. Gotelli, from Shanghai, buoy No. A2.—Dodwell & Co.	
Sauerland, German str., 4,193 tons, Captain W. Metzenthin, from Manila, buoy No. A16.—Jensen & Co.	
Taiyu Maru, Japanese str., 1,304 tons, Capt. H. Fuji, from Canton, Yamato Anchorage.—Wada Jimusho.	
Tenzen Maru, Japanese str., 538 tons, Capt. K. Kajikawa, from Canton, buoy No. B18.—D.K.K.	
Tonjer, Norwegian str., 1,949 tons, Captain H. Rasmussen, from Chinwangtao, buoy No. B25.—Dodwell & Co.	
Tetnan, British str., 2,100 tons, Capt. J. Thomsen, from Canton, buoy No. B15.—B. & S.	
Wing Lee, Portuguese str., 841 tons, Capt. Jose Antunes, from K. C. Wan, buoy No. B17.—Wo Hop & Co.	
Wing Wo, Portuguese str., 498 tons, Capt. L. D. de Lemos, from K. C. Wan, Salkong Wharf.—Wo Hop & Co.	

### THE WORCESTER.

#### AN 18TH CENTURY TRAGEDY.

Reviewing new light on the mysterious Tragedy of the Worcester, 1704-1705, (An Episode in the Long Struggle between England and Scotland for Union with Great Britain, 1603-1707, with a solution of the mystery offered by Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Richard Carnac Temple, Bt., C.B. from the papers of her English charter, Thomas Bowrey, discovered in 1913 by John Humphreys, and now in the possession of Lieutenant-Colonel Henry Howard) The Times says:

From the long-lost papers of Thomas Bowrey, and by careful examination of other sources of information, Sir Richard Temple has been able to establish the innocence of the unfortunate Captain Green and the crew of the East Indiaman Worcester. Captain Green, his chief mate Madder, and the gunner Simpson were hanged at Leith for murder and piracy in 1705.

Thomas Bowrey, the principal charterer of the Worcester, was a London merchant with wide interests who kept careful journals and accounts of all his mercantile proceedings. From these it is plain that the Worcester was chartered for a purely trading voyage to India. She was a "separate stock ship"—that is, she belonged to private traders, not to the East India Company. She left the Downs in March, 1702, and returned with a full cargo and actually with an official letter from the East India Company's factory at Calcutta to Leadenhall Street. This in itself was a certificate of good behaviour, for though private trade with the East had been made lawful it was regarded with disfavour by the Company. To avoid French privateers in the Channel she went north about and anchored in Leith roads on July 31, 1704, intending to wait for convoy to an English port. It was an unfortunate move.

Since the Restoration Scottish trade had been greatly hurt by the English Navigation Act. All the hopes and most of the nation's money had lain in the Africa Company's ill-managed Darien expedition. Its failure, which had touched every pocket in Scotland, was laid at the doors of England. In 1704 had come a final and intolerable aggravation: the Annandale, the ship in which the last hopes of the Company lay, had been seized in the Downs at the instance of the East India Company. Her captain had transgressed the Company's rights by recruiting English sailors. The English Company's case was good in law and it showed no mercy.

Scottish anger was boundless, and when the Worcester sailed innocently into the Forth she offered what seemed a Heaven-sent opportunity for restitution and revenge. She was seized in reprisal by the Africa Company's secretary, Roderick Mackenzie. Had she been an East India Company's ship her seizure might have been justified pending negotiations, but since she was a private ship and had broken no law in Scotland, no legal grounds for detaining her remained. Nevertheless, she was held, and exaggerated reports of the value of her cargo stiffened the determination to keep her.

At this time the Union of England and Scotland was being painfully negotiated. In it the Scots saw their only means of restoring prosperity. The seizure of the Worcester put them into a quandary. To detain her illegally was an act of war which might prevent the Union; to let her go was an unbearable thought. Mackenzie found a way out. He trumped up a charge of piracy and murder from the idle talk of some of the Worcester's men and by laying stress on anything that could be said to seem to support the accusation. It began to be said that the Worcester had taken the Africa Company's ship Speedy Return, and murdered her crew. The whole company of the Worcester were arrested for murder and piracy, though the indictment did not set forth who was murdered or what the piracy was. By threats, lies, and bribery efforts were made to induce the Worcester's men to admit their guilt. Two Indians did so, and the surgeons, in fear of death, told a false story that seemed to support their evidence. It was enough. The prisoners had no more chance of justice than the victims of the English Popish Plot trials. All but the false witnesses were condemned to death. Scotland exulted. The Scottish Privy Council, however, found themselves in an awkward position. They had assumed that Green and his men were guilty, but after the trial, chiefly by Bowrey's efforts, they were supplied with sufficient evidence that they were innocent. Queen Anne urged a reprieve, but left the last word with the Privy Council. It was helpless. The nation was furious at the delay. A huge mob filled Edinburgh roaring for blood. Green, Madder, and Simpson were taken through the howling multitude to Leith sands and hanged. When it was done many were ashamed, and the rest of the Worcester's men were quietly released.

In spite of the admitted falsity of the charge and the known baseness of Roderick Mackenzie, a stain has smirched the memory of poor Captain Green and his men. Sir Richard Temple with careful hand has wiped it all away.

### FLAG CAPTAIN IN CHINA.

Appointments announced by the Admiralty recently indicate that when H.M.S. Kent leaves the China Station early this year to refit and recommission at Chatham her duties as flagship of the Commander-in-Chief will be undertaken by the Suffolk. Captain G. S. Arbuthnot, D.S.O., will complete five years in command of this cruiser in January, and is to be succeeded by Captain Geoffrey Layton, D.S.O., who during the present year has been taking the course at the Imperial Defence College. On the transfer of the flag of Vice-Admiral W. A. Howard Kelly, who will then have succeeded as Admiral Sir Arthur Walstaff as Commander-in-Chief, Captain Layton will become Flag Captain and Chief of Staff, a position now filled by Captain B. H. Ramsay, M.V.O. Captain Layton was in command of submarines during the War, and when captain of E. 13 his boat was grounded on August 19, 1916, off Saltholm, in the Sound, where it was later shelled by a German

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Empress of Asia	Apr. 10	Apr. 13	Apr. 16	Apr. 27
Empress of Canada	Apr. 25	Apr. 28	Apr. 30	May 14
Empress of Russia	May 8	May 11	May 14	May 25
Empress of Japan	May 23	May 26	May 28	June 10
Empress of Asia	June 5	June 8	June 11	June 22
Empress of Canada	June 20	June 23	June 25	June 27
Empress of Russia	July 3	July 6	July 9	July 20
Empress of Japan	July 18	July 21	July 23	July 25
Empress of Asia	July 31	Aug. 3	Aug. 6	Aug. 17
Empress of Canada	Aug. 15	Aug. 18	Aug. 20	Aug. 22

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Bruce—No. 8 buoy.  
Cornflower—In dock.  
Cumberland—West wall.  
Herald—South wall.  
Hermes—No. 1 buoy.  
Iroquois—North wall.  
Marazion—East wall.  
Medway—North arm.  
Moorhen—In dock.  
Odin—North arm.  
Osiris—East wall.  
Osgoed—East wall.  
Seymour—No. 12 buoy.  
Serapis—No. 7 buoy.  
Sirdar—No. 10 buoy.  
Somme—No. 13 buoy.  
Stormcloud—No. 11 buoy.  
Tamar—Basin.  
Thracian—North wall.  
Foreign Men-of-War.  
Vigilante—French gunboat.  
Ching An—Chinese transport.

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destroyer. It was afterwards refitted and interned by the Danes at Copenhagen. Three months later Captain Layton succeeded in escaping from his internment in the naval barracks, and after further service in submarines he was appointed in January 1918 as Assistant to the Commodore (S) at Gosport. He was promoted to Captain in 1922, and in 1927-28 was Deputy Director of Operations at the Admiralty.



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COMORIN	15,132	31st Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*PERIM	7,648	7th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
*KASHGAR	9,005	14th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Rotterdam & Antwerp.

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TALMA	10,000	6th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TAKADA	6,949	25th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.

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KASHGAR	9,005	17th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KHIVA	9,135	26th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
MAIWA	10,950	31st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*ALPORE	5,273	1st Feb.	Moji & Kobe.
TANDA	6,956	6th Feb.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hamu.
KHYBER	9,114	14th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*SOMALI	—	20th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
RAWALPINDI	16,619	28th Feb.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
ST. ALBANS	4,500	6th Mar.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hamu.

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Captain R. G. Latta's  
Appointment.

It is announced that Captain  
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the command of the new 42,500-ton  
Canadian Pacific liner  
Empress of Britain, now complet-  
ing at Clydebank. It was general-  
ly anticipated that Captain Latta  
would have the new ship, not  
only because he has a claim by  
virtue of seniority, but also be-  
cause he has recently been stand-  
ing by the ship in the yard to  
superintend her completion.

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and his first voyage a six-month  
passage from South Shields to  
San Francisco. After that he had  
very varied experience before he  
got his ticket, and afterwards in  
ships of all types before he  
settled down in the Canadian  
Pacific towards the end of 1904,  
his first billet being as fourth  
officer of the old Montezuma. The  
following year he was employed  
in a similar capacity in the Mon-  
treal and a year later as third  
officer of the Mount Royal, and  
subsequently in the Lake Erie.  
After working in the Montrose in  
October, 1909, he joined as second  
officer the vessel in which he re-  
ceived his Canadian Pacific christen-  
ing only five years before.

In April, 1915, he was promoted  
chief officer of this vessel, and  
afterwards he became in suc-  
cession chief of the Milwaukee,  
Missanabie and Metagama, to  
which ship he was appointed com-  
mander from July 26, 1917.  
After the Armistice he was for a  
time marine superintendent at  
Antwerp. He has commanded  
the Monmouth, and in turn the  
Sicilian, Grampian, Scandinavian,  
Montroyal, Empress of Scotland  
and until recently the Empress  
of Australia.

### Other Changes.

The last-named ship goes to  
Captain E. Griffiths, who had the  
Empress of France for many  
years. He was born in 1874 and  
had his first sea experience in the  
wonderful little schooners that  
used to sail out of Port Madoc,  
later serving in various coasting  
and ocean-going sailing vessels.  
When he went into steam he joined  
the Beaver Company which  
was then under the control of the  
fleet to the Canadian Pacific when  
it was purchased in 1903.

His first command came in  
June 1907, the old Milwaukee,  
and he afterwards had the  
Montezuma, Montreal, Lake Mani-  
toba, Scandinavian, Metagama  
and others before he finally set-  
tled down to the Empress of  
France in April, 1922. In com-  
mand of her he carried the Prince  
of Wales and many other distin-  
guished passengers.

Captain James Turnbull, an-  
other very well known Canadian  
Pacific master, who succeeded him  
in the Empress of France, is a  
Liverpool man, who served his  
time in Iredale and Porter's sail-  
ing ships, going to sea in 1889 as  
apprentice in the Iredale. When  
he had got his second mate's and  
mate's tickets he stuck to the  
firm in various capacities until he  
received his master's certificate,  
when he decided to go into steam  
and joined the Elder Dempster  
Line. It was quite by chance  
that he found his way into the  
Canadian trade through being ap-  
pointed to one of the Beaver ships,  
that they were managing, and like  
Captain Griffiths he turned over  
with her. A keen R.N.R. officer,  
his Canadian Pacific service was  
interrupted by a long spell of  
special training with the hearty  
goodwill of the company and he  
returned in 1906.

His first command came in  
May, 1911, the Montcalm, and  
when war broke out he was in  
command of the Empress of Brit-  
tain. He did magnificent work  
during the struggle, particularly  
in connection with the convoy ser-  
vice, and was confirmed captain  
shortly after the Armistice. He  
has done a spell of service as  
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Majesty and is well known in  
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M. H. Kihara.

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ing Machine, which includes 40 com-  
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for the Victoria Naval Yard and  
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with the times of slack-water and  
change of current, the two phenomena  
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January 9 to 15, 1931.

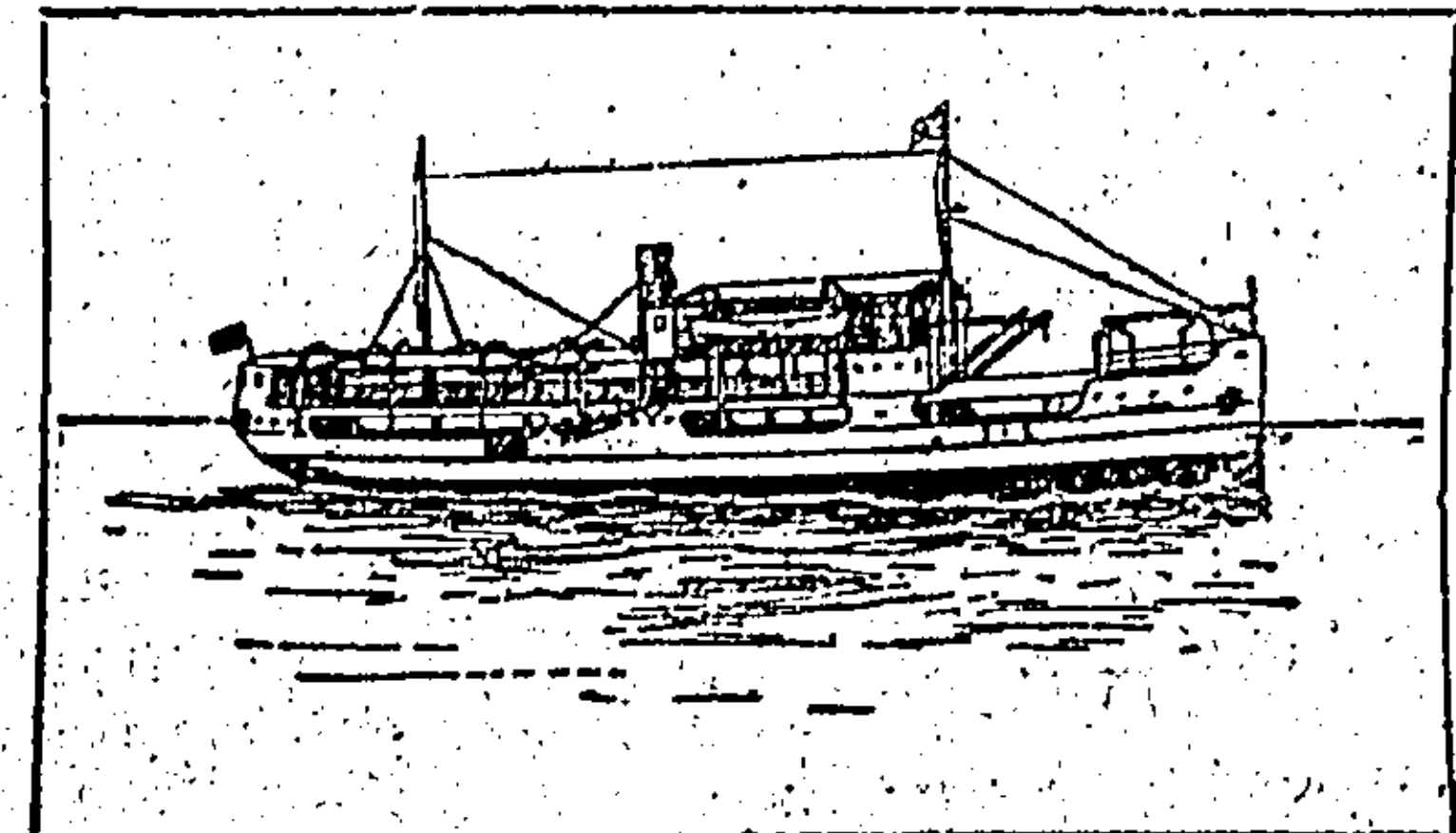
Date	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
	Standard Times	ft.	Standard Times	ft.
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Jan. 11	m 1 14	6.3	m 8 32	1.6
Jan. 12	m 3 17	4.3	m 7 40	3.6
Jan. 13	m 5 33	4.0	m 6 15	2.1
Jan. 14	m 4 38	5.3	m 2 39	3.6
Jan. 15	m 4 14	5.3	m 1 2	2.7
Jan. 16	m 4 50	4.7	m 11 41	2.0
Jan. 17	m 5 33	4.7	m 10 48	3.1
Jan. 18	m 5 35	4.1	m 9 58	2.3
Jan. 19	m 7 5	4.1	m 11 31	3.4
Jan. 20	m 6 23	4.8	m 1 5	1.8
Jan. 21	m 8 31	4.3	m 1 5	1.8
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### SLUMP IN SILVER.

According to Mr. Pittman, Chairman of the United States Sub-Committee which is investigating the causes of the decline of Chinese and American trade, the British policy of selling silver in a depressed market was the major cause of the world's trade depression. This is exactly what we said in the *China Mail* on December 11, last year, when we drew attention to the fact that the slump in silver, which is one of the main causes of the drop in the dollar, may be attributed to the efforts of Great Britain to establish the pound sterling in India by dumping on to the world market at any price silver that has been hoarded for years in the interior of India. This dumping approximates 57,000,000 ounces annually, but there remains in India between five to seven billion ounces which will ultimately be unloaded on the world market. This continued dumping has caused the abnormal fall in the value of silver and China has been the greatest sufferer. We also said at the time that if Great Britain had deliberately set out to even up the score with China for her unwarranted interference with British trade during the strike, which badly crippled Hong Kong, she could not have found a more effective way to revenge herself than by manipulating the silver exchange to the disadvantage of China. On the other hand, China seems to have found an equally brutal method of retaliation, and as a result of the new Chinese tariff on foreign goods, over four thousand employees of

the British-American Tobacco Company in Liverpool have been put on half time.

Apparently it is the opinion of Mr. Pittman and the Senate Sub-Committee that the principal cause of the decline of trade between China and the United States is due to the latter's refusal to accede to China's request for a silver loan. No doubt he feels that by yielding to what is little better than a thinly disguised form of economic blackmail, and inducing the President to negotiate with the British Government for a suspension of our policy in regard to the sale of silver in India, trade with China would experience a miraculous revival. The Sub-Committee is even sufficiently idealistic to believe that if China were "nursed back into a sound financial condition" by foreign money, presumably—the country would develop enormously; banditry and militarism would disappear, and with peace and sound finance, the purchasing power of the inhabitants would greatly increase, stimulating international trade with China, "particularly in regard to 'buying' some of America's surplus wheat." As if Great Britain had any intention of sacrificing its Indian economic policy in order to provide a greater market for American wheat! It is almost as absurd as the suggestion that the United States might consider waiving the British War debt.

The prospect of permanent peace and a revival of trade in China, however, is one of the bright spots in the present world depression, providing the opportunity of launching several schemes for her financial rehabilitation. Foremost amongst these is the proposal of the Silver Investigating Committee of the U.S. Senate to lend China 500,000,000 ounces of silver through the medium of an international pool. The plan outlined by Senator Pittman follows the same general lines of the scheme proposed to President Coolidge in 1927, which for a time was seriously considered. The plan was to send a Commission of American business men to China to talk with the warring leaders and induce them to stop fighting and unite under some form of central government that could be financed with a loan large enough to provide immediate employment for the disbanded soldiers. As any such financial transaction would have to come under the Consortium Agreement and bring Great Britain, France, and Japan into the mission, the scheme was dropped. In other words, it is regretted

the United States that any plan for the relief of China which involves a loan must be international in character. Many otherwise meritorious American schemes have had to be abandoned because of the reluctance of American bankers to assume the whole burden of financing China, and the opposition of the Chinese to any proposition that might imply even indirectly a recognition on their part of the Consortium Agreement or their inability to solve their problems without outside assistance. In the face of present day conditions, no American group would be foolish enough to attempt the impossible without the full co-operation of Great Britain and other nations having important commercial relations with China. It would seem that at the moment Great Britain holds the trump cards, but cannot prohibit her Indian subjects disposing of their hoardings of silver as they think fit. The Kuomintang is getting a dose of its own medicine.

### News in Brief.

The lowest open air temperature yesterday was 61 degrees, compared with 73 degrees on Wednesday.

A small fire occurred about 5.30 this morning at the coal yard of the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, Yaumatei, a heap of slack coal becoming ignited. Three engines under the charge of Mr. G. Mass turned out but were not detained long.

A reception will be held in the Club Lusitano this evening at 5.15 in honour of H. E. the Governor of Macao, Senhor Artur Tamagnini de Sousa Barbosa and Madame Barbosa, to which the Portuguese community is invited.

Before Mr. Lindsell yesterday afternoon the hearing in the Felix Villas murder case was continued. After a coolie had given evidence, to the effect that accused and deceased had a fight about five months ago, his Worship adjourned the hearing.

Found wandering on the reclamation near the Wanchai Fire Station, a Chinese mute, about 16 years of age, was found to have a fracture of the left forearm. He was removed to the Government Civil Hospital, but the cause of his injury was not ascertained.

Mrs. G. Ashwell-Cobden, daughter of Mr. C. A. Woodcock, formerly at the Magistracy, Hong Kong, authoress of "Spangle Arrives," "De Ukelele Band," etc., has been elected a member of the Author's Society and was present at their dinner at the Hotel Victoria, London.

The trees on the road between the Police Recreation Club and the Civil Service Cricket Club are being felled, in order that the thoroughfare will be clearer for traffic. The big tree, at the corner, near the Monument, which has been considered a danger to motorists, will also come down.

A feature of the concert in the Helena May Institute yesterday was the first appearance locally of the South Wales Borderers Octette, who were heard to distinct advantage in selections which included Welsh carols and sea shanties. Mrs. Bowes-Smith, Mrs. Sanger (who arranged the concert), and Mrs. d'Aquino also contributed items to the programme, which contained an additional "novelty" in the shape of a xylophone solo by Lance-Corporal Richardson.

### A DROP TOO MUCH! CHINESE HAWKER BECOMES A NUISANCE

A native of Shanghai was this morning charged before Mr. E. H. Williams with having behaved in a disorderly manner whilst drunk. Inspector W. Shaftain said that the defendant was a hawker, who supplied the chair coolies in Robinson Road with soup and congee. Last night he was evidently drunk, and his grievance was that he had not been fully paid by some of the coolies, so he lay on the ground and shouted out. Residents in the vicinity complained and an Indian policeman was sent for and the defendant was taken into custody.

The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$10, with the alternative of fourteen days' hard labour.

Canada is finding a new market for its wheat in Columbia—this being among the first fruits of the campaign started by the Hon. H. E. Stevens, Minister of Trade and Commerce, through the Canadian Trade Commissioners abroad, to find new purchasers for surplus wheat.

### EAST OF SUEZ

Brief News Items From Far and Near.

While travelling in the Butterworth—Penang ferryboat, a Chinese woman gave birth to a child. She was taken to hospital when the boat reached the jetty.

A tiger entered a cowshed situated below the Red Cross Bungalow at Fraser's Hill, F.M.S., and mauled a cow, but fled on being disturbed by a cowherd. The animal has not been seen since.

Sentence of three months' rigorous imprisonment was passed by Mr. C. Wilson, the Singapore Criminal District Judge, on B. Zerner, the manager of the now bankrupt firm of the Anglo-Continental Manufacturers Agencies Ltd.

Zerner was charged with fraudulently or dishonestly removing property without consideration to prevent the distribution of such property among the creditors of L. W. Zerner, described as the proprietor of the Anglo-Continental Manufacturers Agencies, Ltd.

That throughout the Far East trade and commerce was depressed, with the exception of the Philippines, was the opinion expressed by H.R.H. Prince Purachatra, Minister of Communications and Commerce, Siam, who left Singapore en route to Bangkok.

His Royal Highness has just completed a tour of Japan, China and the Philippine Islands, and later intends to visit India and Burma.

Lord Hardinge, ex-Viceroy of India, arrived in Madras from Mysore and was received on behalf of the Governor by Captain Sir Charles Buchanan. Lord Hardinge is staying at Government House as guest of Governor and Lady Beatrix Stanley.

An assurance that all possible steps will be taken by the Council to accelerate the building programme of the Eastern and Western District Chinese primary schools was made by the Council to the Chinese members at the meeting on December 10.

Sentences of one year and eight months' imprisonment were passed by the Shanghai Special District Court on George Makaroff, Peter Smirnov and Peter Mironoff, Russian juvenile offenders, convicted of breaking into the offices of Messrs. Carlowitz and Company and the Record Beauty Parlour. Goods to the total value of \$14,684 were stolen from both places.

Mr. Keijiro Nakamura, M.P., has been appointed Parliamentary Under-Secretary of the Communications Office in succession to Mr. Masakata Nakano, who resigned recently.

"Tropical, Tropical, Cynical and Naughty" is the description given to "Apa Macham," a magazine which has been produced in Kuala Lumpur by Mr. H. L. Linnell. An antidote to the slump is the motto, and the net profits from the production will be given to the Central European Unemployment Fund.

The price is \$1 and "Apa Macham" is now on sale in Singapore. In addition to supporting a good cause, purchasers will get value for their money, for the production is full of entertainment. If the standard is maintained, "Apa Macham" will become a popular institution. There is some bright reading matter, and the pictures include one by Santry.

Mr. C. Alma Baker of Batu Gajah who arrived at Sydney by the Marella from Malaya recently said that the novelist, Zane Grey, would visit Australia at the beginning of this year. Mr. Baker is on his way to New Zealand where business will occupy him until Zane Grey reaches the Dominion in his yacht. Then the two will cruise around the coast of Australia and New Guinea. Zane Grey will finish his travel book "Fishing in the Seven Seas," and will probably write a novel with an Australian background.

Yang Ping-sung, a shroff employed by the compradore of the Asiatic Petroleum Company (North China) Limited was sentenced to a year's imprisonment by the Shanghai Special District Court when he appeared on remand on a charge of embezzling \$5,481.34 from his employer between April, 1929, and December, 1930.

The Rev. Nigel Williams, of Teluk Anson, has arrived in Singapore to act as temporary assistant chaplain at St. Andrew's Cathedral, the Rev. J. V. Westlake having sailed for Home.

The question of the chaplaincy and Archdeacon Swindell's successor is still unsettled; the decision of the Archbishop of Canterbury not having been received yet.

The Bishop of Sarawak expects to make an announcement shortly. The Rajah of Sarawak has made a gift of \$25,000 towards the building fund of the Imperial Forestry Institute, Oxford. The annual report of the Institute states that the gift will greatly expedite the start of building operations. In the meantime the School of Forestry continues to provide accommodation for a great part of the Institute's work.

Dr. J. C. Tull, Government Pathologist, has left Singapore to represent the Straits Settlements Government at the International Conference on Leprosy, being held at Manila from January 9 to 23, under the auspices of the Leonard Wood Memorial. During Dr. Tull's absence until February 4, Dr. H. O. Hopkins, Government Bacteriologist, will be in charge of the pathological branch.

The engagement is announced of Sydney Trueman Rhodes, (Compagnie du Selangor), youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Rhodes, of Dulverton, Somerset, and Marion Ella, second daughter of Mr. Charles Maxwell, Malayan Civil Service (retired), and Mrs. Maxwell, of Maryland Estate, Dindings, S.S.

To save the ferry charge of one anna, a Marwari youth with a purse containing Rs. 200 started to ford Subarnarekha river below Ghatsila, but was swept away and drowned. When the body was recovered next day the purse was missing.

Two other men are also reported to have been drowned in Kharkal river.

Giving evidence before the Wild Life Commission, sitting at Tapah, Mr. B. W. Adams, manager of the Banopdane Estate, Bidar, said there were now less elephants. Two had been killed during the past two years. He had also noticed that pigeon were on the decline and hornbills had decreased.

A new type of tram car is being built by the Colombo Tramways and Lighting Co., Ltd., at the moment as an experiment.

The car is intended to give more comfortable seating accommodation and is designed on a different plan from the existing types of tram car. The first experimental car will be on the lines early in the new year.

Mr. W. H. Gladwell, manager of Wearne Bros., Penang, was married to Dr. Mary Agnes Minahan, of the F.M.S. Medical Service, presently stationed at Seremban, at Penang.

Messrs. T. G. E. Argott and H. Anderson of the F.M.S. Railways, Mr. D. R. L. P. Matheson, of the Malayan Police Service, and Mr. J. Donnet, of the Malayan Civil Service, are all due back from Home leave.

The marriage took place on October 7, at St. Mary's Church, Dumfries, of William Dunbar Paterson, of Gula Kalumpung Estate, Perak, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Paterson, of Dumfries, to Mary Thomson, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Thomson, of Marchhill, Dumfries.

Mr. W. S. Edden, Assistant Treasurer, Penang, has gone to the F.M.S. on transfer to take the place of Mr. E. O. Venables as District Officer, Upper Perak. Mr. A. D. York is acting as Assistant Treasurer until the return from leave of Mr. A. L. Birse.

### ABANDONED GIRL

A paragraph, bearing a note of sympathy was contained in the Police reports this morning. It stated that a Chinese girl, said to be about eight years of age, was found abandoned in a rattan basket, on the roadside, on the Kau Lung Hang bend at Tai-po. The child was extremely weak, so much so that she was unable to speak. She was stated to be almost a skeleton. She was sent to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

### Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of January 9, 1921.]  
To-day's dollar is worth 15/16.  
After his bout with "Eddie" Walters at the V.R.O. last night, Sergeant "Big" Harrison, of the Naval Yard Police, welterweight champion of the Colony, announced his retirement from the boxing game. He is getting married shortly.



## BACK FROM LEAVE.

THE JOY OF SIGNING CHITS AGAIN.

AMENITIES OF MALAYA.

Many hundreds of men and women who have just returned from leave must be starting to realize the reward if such one can call it, of living in Malaya, writes G. C. N. in the Free Press. Perhaps they have come from France, perhaps Switzerland, the majority almost certainly from Great Britain, where, during the Summer they have fed on strawberries to their hearts' content, sniffed the odour of peat smoke in the lonely glen and watched the departing glories of a real British August day.

And now that most of us are back, how many I wonder are sorry? For our benefits here are many.

## Signing Chits.

To sign a chit is a pleasure we have not been able to enjoy during the whole of our time at Home. No more pockets full of pennies that weigh our trousers down until we earn the disapprobation of our wife, no more dirty one franc notes, no more worries about cashing cheques in outlandish spots. But there are a hundred and fifty such unpleasantnesses. Take my shirt for instance. I don't of course want you to do this literally but in Britain I must wear my shirt for a week because it costs a small legacy to get it washed. Yes, that clean shirt over which is a joy and a boon. Then there is another matter connected with this very necessary garment of mine. In Malaya when I take my shirt off I am ashamed to say I leave it on the floor where it remains until Ah Took comes at dawn to do my valting; not so in Acaena Avenue, Wigan—for there I know that I shall find my shirt in exactly the same position as I left it over night. Curse my shirt. And that while suit. Here in Malaya a clean suit every day, whereas if I were in Britain I would wear my second best blue serge for two years, have it clean-



Doctor: "I do not like the look of your wife."  
Husband: "Neither do I."  
Buen Humor, Madrid.

ed and wear it for another two years. God bless the dabbie.

## What About Whisky?

Now what about whisky? Whisky is 12/6 a bottle at Home, taxed so that every time a gulp shoots over the larynx you feel your child's education premiums are going with it. A dreadful business that and we can get it here in Malaya for seven or eight shillings. Cigarettes in Malaya are about 1s. 6d. for 50, in Britain they are 2s. 6d., in France between 4s. and 8s.

Tipping? Who said tipping? If any man know against this thing let him declare it now. If you ever want to see a really flustered and unhappy individual, watch a Malayan visitor leaving a seaside hotel in France. Having dealt with the restaurant, femme de chambre, and chef etage he still has several concierges, the conductor, lift boy, the valetier, the vestiaire, the chasseur, the bagagiste and the telephone to square. Even in Britain it is rather a business to dodge the head waiter after forking out to two of his satellites, when nothing but a meagre lunch has changed hands. But there it is; tipping is the curse of Europe. And in Malaya no tipping, or not if I can jolly well help it; I remember shortly after coming East I gave in the greenish way that newcomers do, a small pourboire to a Malay tambo to which he replied, "Tuan mau bil apa? Roko? Mutt, I hear you say, well possibly we both were."

Malayan Clubs. And where in the world are you going to get such jolly good clubs as in Malaya? (Hats off to Messrs. Secretaries please). The average London Club is a parking and grooming place for moth-eaten and ageing bodies who have no further use for the world or themselves. They just lie about waiting for the hand of the reaper to come and deal them a merciful blow with his scythe. But in Malaya, well, it would rather hurt my argument if you looked into the Singapore Club after fifteen minutes, but on the whole we live a brighter life in comparison.

Sports Clubs? The crowd at an average suburban tennis club in London is rather like a bread-rush in a stamping area and once you turn round, one set is about to

## ARE MEN BURIED ALIVE?

Singular Allegations Made.

CHANGE IN LAWS?

Paris, Dec. 3.

Worried by reports such as that of the Rev. Cusley that 1,000 live persons are buried every year in Britain and Dr. Hartmann, of Germany, who contends that one person of every 500 buried is really alive, the French Chamber of Deputies is to-day giving serious consideration to a project for making scientific determination of death obligatory before burial.

The Chamber has no idea of how death can be guaranteed, but there are some deputies who favour a "coup de grace," such as the injection of a few drops of deadly poison which will not hurt a dead person, but would bring death to one who was really only "apparently" dead.

For some years, deputies have been trying to force such a measure through Parliament, and several projects are gathering dust in the files. M. Arsene Fie introduced the project which the Chamber is studying to-day, whereby all the old projects must be dusted off and studied.

## Apparent Death.

M. Fie argues that thousands of Frenchmen grow grey prematurely from worrying over the possibility of being buried alive. He listed a string of 20 causes of death which might put the victim in a state of apparent death, although life was not extinct.

Among them he named epilepsy, anemia due to an abundant hemorrhage, commotion due to fright, lethargy due to alcohol or sleeping sickness, asphyxiation due to strangulation, submersion or toxic gas or impressions such as sudden and great joy, fear, pain or sadness.

M. Fie recited hundreds of cases where persons believed to be dead, rose in their coffins. Some of them were then, in turn, actually frightened to death. He cited the case of one French woman who legally died three times in one morning, twice being revived after having registered as dead.

He recalled one of the most famous cases of rare escapes from being buried alive, that of Prince Masukaku, of Tokyo. During the past year there have been three cases in Europe, one in London, on January 10; a second in Barcelona, February 1, and a third in Milan, March 15.

If the Chamber passes the Fie project, the law will be changed so that the fact to appear dead does not constitute death. The Government would be obliged to consult the Academies of Medicine and Sciences and evolve some scheme of making sure of death before public services grant the burial permit.—United Press.

## IF—

In a husband and wife dispute as to the ownership of property in the Chancery Division, the husband remarked that if he had known this trouble was going to arise he would have kept proper accounts. The Government would be obliged to consult the Academies of Medicine and Sciences and evolve some scheme of making sure of death before public services grant the burial permit.—United Press.

much as you are ever likely to see of a spot of exercise; and then you'll have to wait about three hours for even that. And talking of tennis, a small matter. I said "Tambi bola" where are you going to get a ball? In England except at Wimbledon.

No Woolworth's. Yes, there are many things that thrill us with pleasure when we think about them after our return to the Far East. For instance, we needn't go and pick brambles on hot afternoons, we needn't scrum in Woolworth's to buy a fountain pen for little Willie, we needn't carry our own clubs or drive our own car. We needn't pay income tax or wrestle with filling the forms up. We needn't bathe in a sea that is one degree above zero, nor need we travel in tube or charabanc. And on the other hand, where can you find a curry like our cook makes it, where does a whisky habit taste as good as in the F.M.S., where is it as easy to get a partner for golf or tennis as in the Straits? I don't know and yet, I shall have to go on thinking of a further 150 other benefits that Malaya has to give, to key me up to the thought of another four years out here.

Just let me start really to think, and my brain boots out something like this: "I hate curry, I hate white suits, I love picking brambles, I love paying income tax, I love the tube, that's all well."

Perhaps one day I shall make my mind up about this Britain-Malaya business. At the present moment I want to have my leave all over again.

## ROUND THE CINEMAS

LON CHANEY IN "THE UNHOLY THREE."

FIRST LOCAL SCREENING.

"The Unholy Three," which is now showing in the Queen's Theatre, is one of the best crook pictures shown here. Lon Chaney had the leading role and he proved himself a unique actor who used no fewer than five voices in the course of taking two parts, that of Echo, the leader of the Unholy Three, and as Mrs. O'Grady, the old proprietress of a bird shop. He was well supported by Rosie, the pick-pocket (Lilla Lee), Hercules the strong man (Ivan Linow), and Midget the dwarf (Harry Earles).

The picture opens with Echo, Hercules and Midget as members of a freak show, Rosie being attached to it as the "light fingered" artist, turning over all the booty to Echo. The show is closed down by the Police, following a rough house, and then the three men band themselves together as the "Unholy Three," a daring gang of crooks.

Their coups are all planned in a bird shop which they run as a screen. Everything goes well until Hercules and Midget pull off a robbery without Echo and they commit murder. The trio then decide to plant a stolen necklace on the young clerk employed in their bird shop to shift the blame on him. The clerk is tried for his life. Rosie, who has fallen in love with the youth, pleads for his life and Echo at once attends Court as Mrs. O'Grady to give evidence for the defence. He is dramatically unmasked in Court and makes a confession which results in his being put away for five years and Rosie and her lover are thus made happy. Midget is killed by Hercules, who himself meets with a terrible death at the hands of a huge orang utan pet of Echo's.

## "STATE STREET SADIE."

Conrad Nagel and Myrna Loy are the leading players in Warner Brothers' production "State Street Side," which is being screened at the Star Theatre to-day and Saturday.

Built up on a plot concerning the underworld we see Nagel as a visitor from South America, who finds his twin brother, a suicide, coupled with the murder of a Police officer. Through the many scenes that follow, there is much excitement, and, of course, the inevitable romance. William Russell figures in the supporting cast.

A comedy, entitled "Night Owls," starring Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy, completes the programme.

## "SARAH AND SON."

Ruth Chatterton's theatrical career has been a series of dares. When she was fifteen years old she went to Washington to spend a Christmas vacation from an exclusive Southern finishing school. The vacation was spent in a round of matinees. She became stage-struck, and told her friends that some day she would be a great theatrical star.

The other girls laughed at her but failed to discourage her. Then they dared her to go on the stage. She answered by getting a job the very next night in the chorus of a show that was playing in the national capital.

Five years ago a motion picture producer offered Ruth Chatterton a huge salary to desert the stage for the screen. She turned down the offer and went on around Hollywood that Ruth Chatterton would never appear in pictures.

But about 18 months ago she was in the film capital again. A prominent director asked her to make a screen test. "Just for fun," she refused. He looked at her again and said, "You are afraid you won't make good on the screen, aren't you?"

That was a dare. She made the test the next day and it was pronounced a success. That test won her over to the screen as a medium for her art. A short time later she was signed by Paramount to play opposite Emil Jannings in "Sins of the Fathers."

Then came the talking films. Her first appearance on the audible screen was in "The Dummy." Then came "The Doctor's Secret," "Charming Sinners" and "The Laughing Lady."

Her fifth all-talking production for Paramount is "Sarah and Son," based on the best-selling novel of the same name by Timothy Sheehan. It is a picture of a mother's struggle to regain her young son who had been lost to her through the circumstances of hardship and poverty.

"Sarah and Son" is showing for the last time to-day in the Central Theatre.

## "THE VAGABOND KING."

From more than 200 applicants for the parts Paramount selected eight girls as the most perfect types of romantic beauty for the colourful Court sequences of "The Vagabond King." Dennis King, starring, commences in 100 days.

## SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

## Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dance at Hong Kong Hotel.  
To-night—Dinner Dances at Peninsula and Hong Kong Hotels.  
January 25—Society of York-shiremen Cabaret-Dinner Dance, Hong Kong Hotel, 8 p.m.

To-day—Reception to Governor of Macao, Club Lusitano, 5.15 p.m.  
January 17—Old Bedfordian Dinner, 8 p.m.

## Entertainments.

To-day—Queen's Theatre.  
"The Unholy Three."  
To-day—Central Theatre.  
"Sarah and Son."  
To-day—World Theatre.  
"Chasing through Europe."  
To-day—Star Theatre.  
"State Street Sadie."  
To-day—Majestic Theatre.  
"Carnation Kid."

## Home Mails.

To-day—Inward from Europe via Siberia (Jeypore and Haruna Maru); from Europe via Negapatam (Patroclus); from America and ports (Empress of Japan).  
To-morrow—Inward from America and ports (President Harrison); Outward for Europe via Marseilles (Haruna Maru), 10.30 a.m.

## Meetings.

January 14—Meeting of Graduates in the Great Hall of the University, 5.15 p.m.  
January 14—Annual General Meeting of Boy Scouts' Association, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5 p.m.

## Sports.

See Diary on page 8.  
Monday—Hong Kong University Degree Day.

## "STAR" ARRESTED.

ALMA RUBENS FACES DRUG CHARGE.

## Hollywood, Yesterday.

The film star, Alma Rubens, who was arrested on January 6, has furnished \$35,000 bail in connection with a charge of participating in smuggling narcotics from Mexico—Reuter's American Service.

It is alleged that Miss Rubens had \$35,000 worth of drugs hidden in the lining of a cloak. She declares it to be a "frame up."

The salmon pack of British Columbia for the 1930 season is nearly 100,000 cases higher than the previous record of 1926. The total pack for 1930 was 2,163,712 cases. The 1929 total was 1,389,476 cases; 1928, 2,035,629; 1927, 1,360,634; 1926, 2,065,461.

cent. technicolour, which comes to the Central Theatre to-morrow.

Five of the girls are decided blondes—one is a brunette. Two have dark hair and light eyes. Their average height is five feet, four and a half inches and their weight average is 123 pounds. They are from various sections of the United States.

The eight queens of pulchritude are Dorothy Davis, brunettes, from Pasadena, California; Cecile Cameron, black hair and blue eyes, Milwaukee, Wis.; Jean Douglas, blonde, Albany, New York; Eugenia Woodbury, blonde, Denver, Colorado; Thora Waverly, blue eyes and brown hair, Enid, Oklahoma; Rae Murray, blonde, San Francisco; Blanche Saunders, blonde, Seattle, Washington; Frances Waverly, blonde, Enid, Oklahoma.

## "OUR BLUSHING BRIDES"

Training with the Albertina Rasch ballet cost Joan Crawford exactly eight pounds while preparing for her role in "Our Blushing Brides" her new talking vehicle which will come on Sunday to the Queen's Theatre as a new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer feature.

Miss Crawford, who leads the famous ballet in the spectacular garden-party scenes, rehearsed for four hours every day with the trained ballet girls until the strenuous routine was completed. When she went to fit costumes, the loss of weight was discovered.

Harry Beaumont, who directed "Our Blushing Brides," directed the new Crawford film with Robert Alton in the leading masculine role and Anita Page and Dorothy Sebastian sharing feminine honours. Included in the supporting cast are Raymond Hackett, Hedda Hopper, John Milford, Mary Doran and Gwen Lee.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE.

Through the courtesy and kindness of the Chairman and Committee of the Comrades Association Club the drawing in connection with the S.P.A.H. has been arranged to take place on the premises of the above named Association on Wednesday at 4 p.m. Purchasers of tickets are invited to attend to witness the draw.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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## TRAINING YOUTH IN WAR THOUGHT

Manifesto Inconsistent with Kellogg Pact.

A manifesto protesting against the military training of youth and conscription, and stressing the incompatibility of such things with the renunciation of war through the Kellogg Pact, has been published simultaneously all over the world by the National Council for Prevention of War.

Military training, it points out, may be enforced by law or may be imposed on a wide scale by moral or economic pressure, while all Governments claim the ultimate right to demand war service from their citizens, both men and women.

Such things should be abolished, it argues, and the right of Governments to impose conscription should be denied, since conscription subjects the individual entirely to the military powers and is a form of servitude the habitual acceptance of which only illustrates its degrading effect.

Such training, the manifesto continues, is that of "mind and body, in the technique of killing. It is education for war. It is the perpetuation of the war mentality. It prevents the development of the will to peace."

A Grave Crime. The older generation commits a grave crime against the younger generation, it charges, when in schools, universities, official and private organisations, it educates youth, often under the pretext of physical training, in the service of war.

The Peace Treaties, the manifesto points out, imposed upon the defeated countries, at the close of the great war the suppression of conscription, and the military training of youth, and it is time for the peoples of the world to take the initiative in freeing themselves from both.

If Governments fail to recognize the strength of the revolt against war, they must expect the resistance of those for whom loyalty to mankind and conscience is supreme.

Strength is lent to this latest campaign in the cause of peace by the fact that both Australia and New Zealand have recently suspended compulsory military training, and that during the past year the British states grants for the Cadet Corps and the Church Lads' Brigade have been withdrawn. The manifesto has been signed in America by Professor John Dewey, in Germany by Dr. Einstein and Thomas Mann; in Austria by Professor Freud; in France by Romain Rolland and Victor Marguerite; in India by Mahatma Gandhi; in Great Britain by a large group including the Bishop of Birmingham, H. G. Wells, and Bertrand Russell.



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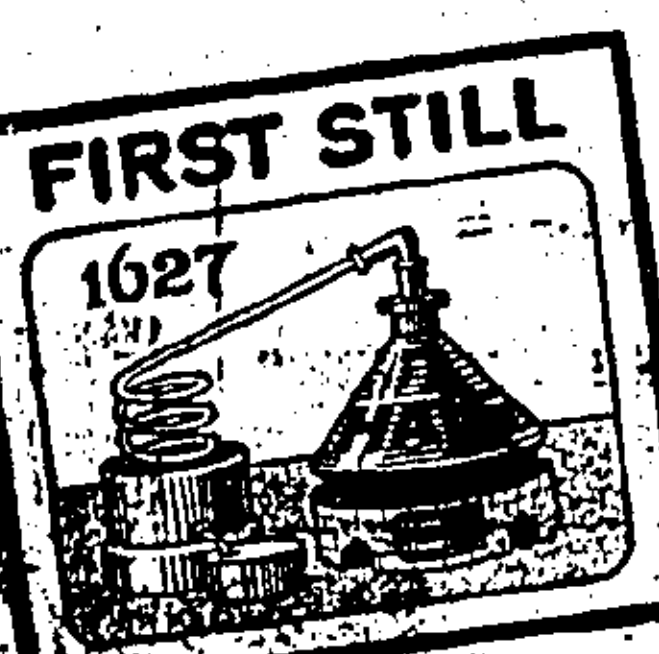
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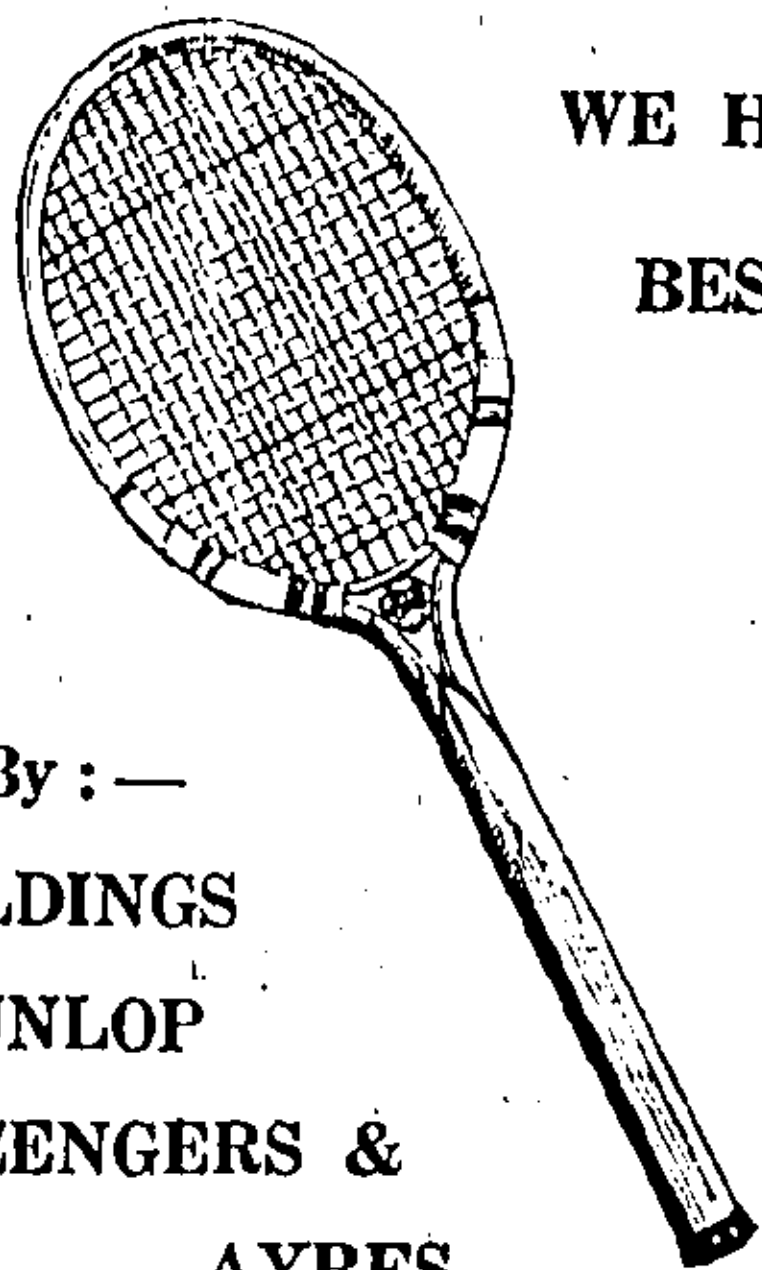
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## Sport Columns

### WHO WILL WIN?

#### TO-MORROW'S CUP TIES AND LEAGUE GAMES.

[Exclusive to China Mail—  
By "Lionsman"]

The following is a list of Home football matches to-morrow. The teams in black type may win; where no black type is shown the match may result in a draw:

English Cup—Third Round.	
Southport v. Millwall	
WOLVES v. Wrexham	
TOTTENHAM v. Preston N.E.	
CRYSTAL P. v. Reading	
SUNDERLAND v. Southampton	
BURY v. Torquay	
Plymouth v. EVERTON	
Aldershot v. BRADFORD	
SHEFFIELD U. v. York C.	
Gateshead v. WEDNESDAY	
BOLTON W. v. Carlisle	
OLDHAM v. WATFORD	
NEWCASTLE v. Notts F.	
BRENTFORD v. Cardiff	
West Ham v. Chelsea	
Bristol R. v. Queen's P.R.	
CORINTHIANS v. Port Vale	
Scarboro' v. GRIMSBY	
Burnley v. Manchester C.	
Leeds U. v. Huddersfield	
ARSENAL v. Aston Villa	
BARNLEY v. Bristol C.	
Stoke v. Manchester U.	
LIVERPOOL v. Birmingham	
MIDDLESBRO' v. Bradford C.	
BLACKBURN v. Walsall	
Exeter v. DERBY CO.	
LEICESTER v. Brighton	
HULL v. Blackpool	
Fulham v. PORTSMOUTH	
WEST BROM. v. Charlton	
NOTTS CO. v. Swansea	

#### ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division III—Southern.	
Gillingham v. COVENTRY	
LUTON v. Norwich	
SOUTHEND v. Thames	
Division III—Northern.	
ACCRINGTON v. New Brighton	
Barrow v. Darlington	
Rochdale v. STOCKPORT	
ROTHERHAM v. Wigan	

#### SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Airdrie v. Aberdeen	
Ayr v. HAMILTON	
CELTIC v. East Fife	
C'DENBEATH v. Clyde	
DUNDEE v. Morton	
HEARTS v. Kilmarnock	
Leith v. Hibernians	
Motherwell v. Rangers	
PARTICK v. Falkirk	
ST. MIRREN v. Queen's Park	

#### TO-MORROW'S SNIPS.

Home.	
Wolves v. Bury	
Sheffield United v. Bolton Wanderers	
Oldham v. Newcastle United	
Middlesbrough v. Blackburn Rovers	
Leicester City v. West Bromwich Albion	
Southend v. Celtic	
Partick Thistle v. Everton	
Bradford v. Bradford	
Wednesday v. Grimsby	
Derby County v. Stockport	
Away.	
Everton v. Bradford	
Bradford v. Wednesday	
Grimsby v. Derby County	
Stockport v. Derby County	

#### Comments on Ties.

##### CUP HOLDERS AT HOME TO THE VILLA.

It may be topical to reproduce, in part, our comments (slightly revised) on the draw for to-morrow when it was first published:—

The Cup-holders, Arsenal, have the luck of playing at home, their opponents being Aston Villa. Huddersfield, the runners-up, visit Leeds United and may at least draw.

Sunderland should account for Southampton and Bury for Torquay. Sheffield United should have an easy passage against York City. The Wednesday's visit to Gateshead should not give them much anxiety, and the same can be said in regard to Bolton Wanderers' match against Carlisle. Newcastle United should account for Notts Forest; but there ought to be a real ding-dong struggle between West Ham and Chelsea, with extra time probable.

Manchester City visit Burnley and need not expect a runaway victory over the Second League Club. The other Manchester team—United—have also to travel, their hosts being Stoke.

Two First Division Clubs—Liverpool and Birmingham—clash on the former's ground; the Liverpoolians should win.

Middlesbrough are lucky to have Bradford City at home, and Blackburn Rovers are even more fortunate in having Walsall as visitors.

"Pompey" To Travel.

Derby County travel to Exeter and ought to be a good thing for the fourth round. Leicester will be at home to Brighton and should win with a goal or two in hand. Portsmouth visit Fulham, where they should get a rousing reception—and a credit balance in goals.

Of the other ties, Millwall visit Southport (Northern League) and will have to go all the way to win. Airdrie's encounter should be witnessed between Tottenham Hotspur and Preston North End. Crystal Palace will give Reading

### GOLF.

#### STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY.

The Royal Hong Kong Golf Club notifies the following starting time for Sunday at Fanling:—

9.20 a.m.	A. B. Stewart, J. H. Raikes.
9.24	O. Eager, W. J. Clerk.
9.28	H. C. Shrubsole, A. O. Brown.
9.32	E. Taylor, H. A. Mills.
9.36	A. C. Meredith, A. F. Judd.
9.40	C. B. Terrell, G. A. Laiper.
9.44	E. des Voeux, N. K. Littlejohn.
9.48	L. G. S. Dodwell, H. U. Ireland.
9.52	C. E. Holmes, T. Low.
9.56	P. Morrison, H. G. Mills.
10.00	D. J. Gilmore, T. S. Whyte-Smith.
10.04	A. H. Penn, V. R. Gordon.
10.08	D. Lyon, G. E. Dunnett.
10.12	R. E. Hepburn, D. Forbes.
10.16	R. K. Valentine, H. Spicer.
10.20	A. C. I. Bowker, J. D. H. Crawford.
10.24	R. H. Wild, J. R. Collis.
10.28	A. E. Stone, W. N. Buyers.
10.32	A. N. Macfadyen, Q. A. A. Macfadyen.
10.36	A. D. Humphreys, J. Hinton.
10.40	J. P. Warren, G. Mitchell.
10.44	A. H. Ferguson, L. R. Andrews.
10.48	W. C. Shields, W. R. Vallance.
10.52	Comdr. Priestley, J. J. French.
10.56	J. MacKnight, E. D. Matthews.
11.00	F. M. Ellis, S. S. Perry.
11.04	D. S. Robb, A. Lench.
11.08	E. P. Fletcher, A. W. Hodges.
11.12	E. Stone, J. Coulthart.
11.16	L. Yatta, H. A. Lammeret.
11.20	B. Smith, J. S. Dykes.
11.24	J. Stuart, A. Ritchie.
11.28	L. C. Grover, K. K. Rouds.
11.32	D. J. Keogh, E. M. Hamlin.
11.36	R. Campbell, T. J. Price.
11.40	W. A. Smalley, H. Hampton.
11.44	A. G. Coppin, S. H. Langston.
11.48	C. W. Waddell, J. Forbes.
11.52	R. M. Henderson, A. B. Purves.
11.56	Dr. Nicholson, W. N. Fleming.
12 Noon	G. T. May, C. M. Roberts.
12.04 p.m.	C. M. Andrews, A. J. R. Wolf.
12.08	C. E. Moore, R. S. W. Paterson.
12.12	P. S. Grant, T. S. Marshall.
12.16	R. W. Taplin, J. B. Lanyon.
12.20	Capl. Williams, C. W. Jeffries.
12.24	J. P. Sherry, W. A. Weight.

### HOCKEY.

#### K.B.S.F.P.A. AGAIN WIN CONVINCINGLY.

The K.B.S.F.P.A. added another victory to their already formidable list, when they defeated the University XI, on the home ground at King's Park yesterday afternoon by four goals to one.

The home team scored first through Whitley and before half-time H. Pearne netted a second. On the resumption of play, Francis put the K.B.S. further in the lead. Then Woolley scored for the 'Varsity. Before the final whistle sounded, H. Pearne added the F.P.A.'s fourth goal.

#### Y.M.C.A. TEAM AGAINST H.M.S. SOMME.

The following will represent the Y.M.C.A. second eleven against H.M.S. Somme at King's Park to-morrow, bully-off at 8.30 p.m.:—

W. J. Scotcher; J. M. Purvis, L. Tippet; R. A. Bates, Allen, R. Dornier; H. Muller, L. Macey, W. H. Smith, P. Parker and W. J. Brown. Colours—Black and White.

(Second League) a good run for their money—and probably a beating.

Plymouth v. Everton. Plymouth are fortunate—from a gate point of view—in playing at home against Everton. A capital game should result, in spite of the difference between the two in the Second Division League table.

Aldershot will be at home to Bradford and will have to play even better than they did against Gillingham to survive.

Oldham have the luck of the draw against Watford, and should win easily.

Cardiff Play Away. Brentford have Cardiff City as guests. The latter have a reputation as Cup-fighters, even though Sunderland did put them out a year ago by 2-1.

Two Southern League Clubs meet in Bristol Rovers and Queen's Park Rangers, and there is not much to choose between them on their present League form.

The Corinthians come into the ties for the first time (having been exempted from previous rounds), their opponents being Port Vale, who will make a stern struggle of it.

Two Second Division Clubs—Barnsley and Bristol City—meet at Barnsley. The outcome is uncertain.

At last Notts County have the luck of the draw and play Swansea at Nottingham. This should be one of the most exciting series of the third round.

## OLD ORDER GIVES PLACE TO NEW

### HOW THE RULES HAVE ALTERED IN LAST TWENTY YEARS.

#### AN OLD TIMER'S SOLILOQUY.

### NOT PLAYING RUGBY TO-DAY.

[By A Dozen of Referees.]

He was not a newcomer to the game. Years ago he had played it with distinction, had figured in at least two inter-city games, and, it was rumoured, once was among the reserve forwards for an international match. But, like many other good Scots, he, perforce, had to emigrate to find an opening in his profession, and now, after 20 odd years, he had returned to his native city. His "mail" while abroad kept him in general touch with the game as far as the results of big matches were concerned. Anything more intimate had been denied him, yet his interest was undiminished.

#### Ordinary Topic.

It did not take him long to renew acquaintance in some measure with Rugby circles. They were wider than in his day, and he found the younger men more obsessed in the game. It was the ordinary topic of conversation and argument in places where adolescent youth, and even their elders, fraternised over morning coffee or afternoon tea. Opinions on points of the game and the merits of players were advanced with the surety of the new age. He could not help but overhear.

#### "Old Soldiers Die."

Youth evidently had no admiration for the players of other days. To them the present-day game was a better one and its exponents a superior generation. One callow youth voiced the opinion that the best teams of the old days could not live with a leading team of the present time, and his sentiment met with the acclamation of his circle.

#### New Expressions.

He heard talk of So-and-so being a good "hooker," of "front-row," "middle-row," and "back-row" forwards, and wondered what the expressions meant. Some one ventured the opinion that next to the hooker the middle-row forwards were the most important units of a scrum. Another thought that the dropped goal should be cut out of the game. A try to his mind was worth a dozen dropped goals. Such a heresy, writes a Dozen of Referees in the Evening Dispatch.

Recollections of Yore. Much of the talk confused him, and he would have liked to ask questions, but he felt that it would risk the disdain of superior youth. He would soon see a game for himself, and it might freshen his memory and answer any doubts which had arisen. In fancy he saw the hectic rushes of forwards in the good old days with the ball at their feet, and oft-times with it an opponent who had sought to stem the movement by falling on the ball. Great individual efforts by backs who brooked no opposition, and handed-off opponents with gusto, came to his mind. He lived some of his games over again, and, chuckling, felt rejuvenated by the conjuring up of recollections.

They were good old days—would that they could actually be brought back!

#### More Interest.

The day of the match came. He was an early occupant of a seat in the stand. His first impression was that interest in the game had greatly increased since his days. The next was that the spectators were a more decorous lot, and he put it down to the large number of the opposite sex who now patronised the game. There was some attempt at clapping as the teams took the field, and he smiled at noticing that some of the players actually wore mittens.

Too Much Whistle. The game started, and he settled down to concentrate on it. Sooth the whistle blew, and the referee ordered a scrum. A little while, and again the whistle sounded, and there was another scrum. There were lots of whistle and lots of scrummages, and he grew perplexed. At last a run with the ball. The player was well tackled. That was the sign for another whistle.

"What was that for?" he inquired from his next-door neighbour. A rather pitying look was accompanied by the terse reply: "Didn't you see he was tackled?"

Of course he had seen, but he did not want to argue. The tone of the reply discouraged the further seeking of knowledge. He would concentrate on the game and seek illumination in some other quarter, and at some possibly more opportune time. He grew more beset as the game progressed. It was whistle, whistle, and yet more whistle, and at the end he was con-

vinced that the game had undergone much change since his days.

#### A Reunion.

The opportunity for enlightenment was not long deferred. That very evening he ran across an old school-fellow whose family connections had spared him the necessity of seeking a living in other climes. He had been able to maintain a close connection with the game and was full of it. There was pleasure in the meeting after many years, and he was promptly carried off to the comfortable quarters of his old friend. There were many mutual inquiries and explanations, and then they talked of the game.

#### Different Opinion.

"How the rules have altered," remarked our innocent from abroad.

"Not much as far as I know," replied the untravelled one.

"But surely," contended the returned emigrant, "they have altered materially in the last twenty years or more."

"No—hardly any, as far as my recollections serve!" replied the homer. "Let me see," he added, "you went abroad shortly after 1900. No. No! there have been no material alterations in the rules. It is the same old game, played perhaps a bit differently, and, to my mind, a bit better. I have this season's handbook here, and we can easily see that what I say is correct."

#### Handbook Ordered.

This was confusion worse confounded. The returned one wondered if senility had begun working within him or if his recollections and eyesight were at fault. He endeavoured to jog his memory, and ground for argument quickly came. "Trot out that handbook," he challenged, "and we shall soon see whether I am right or wrong."

With the production of the handbook he went on:—"In my days a fellow tackled was made to play the ball immediately. If he did not, he had a rough time and was penalised by referee. To-day I saw a man after man tackled, but not one played the ball immediately. What happened each time was that the referee blew his whistle, the play was stopped, the tackled man coolly handed the ball to his half-back, a scrum was leisurely formed, and after three, four, or even five attempts the half-back succeeded in throwing the ball into the scrum. Just read out your present-day rule about what follows a 'tackle,' and it will prove that I am right in my contention that it has altered altogether since I played."

Rule in Black and White.

The pages were turned and the paragraph found and the host read out:—"When a player is tackled in the field of play he must immediately put down the ball between himself and his opponents' goal-line." "That is funny," he remarked, "no alteration in the rule, but, as you say, they do not do it these days."

"That's what I am getting at," confidently urged the repatriated one, "and what does the rule say about the referee blowing his whistle when a player is tackled?"

#### No Mention Made.

Another search, and the possessor of the book read out with evident diffidence:—"Functions of referees shall not blow his whistle simply because a player is tackled." "Are you sure that book is up to date?" asked he of the bronzed countenance.

"Of course it is—1930-31!" was the reply, as the book was handed over for inspection.

The perplexed one scanned its pages eagerly and dwelt on them here and there. "What are these front-row, middle-row, and back-row forwards they talk of?" he demanded. "What about hookers and wing forwards? I can see no reference to them by name in the book!"

His friend explained that these days were the days of specialisation. One fellow became an adept at hooking the ball in the scrum, and he was reckoned the most valuable of the eight. Another, whom nature had not endowed with the physique or possibly the inclination to push hard, had the virtue of pace, and was invariably played on the outside of the back-row of the scrum. Forwards were now picked so as to occupy definite places in the scrum. It was an improvement on the old notion of first up, first down. There could not possibly be any argument

against specialising, even in a game.

#### Not the Game!

"Well I'll be jiggered," warmly countered the old-timer. "How on earth can forwards get into their set places in a scrum unless the rules have been altered? Listen to this—A scrum is formed by one or more players from each side closing round the ball when it is on the ground, or by their closing up in readiness to allow the ball to be put on the ground between them. There you are—one on each side can form a scrum, and they need not be even forwards. A three-quarter runs, and he is tackled by an opposing three-quarter. He must put the ball down immediately between him and his tackler, and the pair endeavour to play it with their feet. Where do your hookers and your front-row, middle-row, and back-row forwards come in? That waiting for all the forwards of each side to get to the spot and leisurely take up their specialised positions is all bunkum. It is not in the game!"

#### Unknown Referees.

"Good heavens!" he snapped, "to think that mealy-mouthed tenderfoot who sat next me in the stand to-day should answer me with—'Didn't you see he was tackled?' Just fancy—it is the same good old game as in my days, but the blighters of to-day are not playing Rugby! Even the referees do not know the rules!"

"I suppose—is dead," he soliloquised. "He was a great stickler for the rules and for the spirit of the game. He was the 'daddy' of them all! Talk about your big men—there was not much of him, but he stood above them all. Thank goodness we had one Scot whom even England could not best. We shall not see his like again!"

"No, he is not dead," mildly corrected his friend, although loath to interrupt the obviously sincere reverie of the old player—"he is, in fact, very much alive, and since you have been away has been President of the Union."

"President be blowed," blurted out the prodigal son, "that means nothing these days. He was the Union when I played. I must write him. Surely the blighters of to-day can be made to play according to the rules! What are rules for?"

### Our Sports Diary.

#### LOCAL.

CRICKET.—To-morrow—Division I.—Navy v. Civil Service (L.); Rowland C.C. v. L.R.C. (L.); Hong Kong C.C. v. Royal Artillery (F.); Division II.—Civil Service v. Royal Signals (L.); Police v. R.A.S.C. (L.); Rector v. Indian R.C. (F.).

Sunday—Civil Service C.C. v. Volunteers, 11 a.m.

FOOTBALL.—To-morrow—Lai Cup Competition—Ching v. Army; Second Division—St. Joseph's v. Kowloon; Argyle v. Rector; South China v. Navy; Club v. Eastern; Chinese v. Borderers; Royal Artillery v. University; Third Division—Royal Engineers v. Ebor; South China v. Borderers; R.A.S.C. v. Fokien, Chinese v. R.A.O.C.

Tuesday—Council Meeting, French Bank Building, 5.30 p.m.

FANLING HUNT.—To-morrow—Hunters' Arms.

January 11—Lok Ma Chau cross-roads.

January 14—Sheung Shui Police Station.

January 17—Kennels.

January 21—Hunters' Arms.

January 25—17 Pine Tree Hill, 20 1/2/30 milestone.

January 28—Race Course.

January 31—Sun Wai Camp.

H.O.C.K.E.Y.—To-morrow—Y.M.C.A. v. H.M.S. Somme, King's Park, 3.30 p.m.

GOLF.—Sunday—Governor's Shield (Third Round), Fanling.

January 11—Second Round K.G.C. Junior Championship.

January 14—Match between "Wild Bill" Mehlhorn and Bobby Cruickshank, Fanling, 2.30 p.m.

January 17-18—Bogey Pool, Fanling.

January 18—First Round Junior Championship, Fanling.

January 17-18—K.G.C. Captain's Cup.

January 25—Semi-final K.G.C. Junior Championship.

February 1—Second Round Junior Championship, Fanling.

TENNIS.—Sunday—U.S.R.C. Tournament—First Rounds Close.

January 10—U.S.R.C. Tournament—Second Rounds Close.

FENCING.—Monday—Fencing Club Meeting, Yacht Club, 5.45 p.m.

CHESS.—Tuesday—Kowloon Chess Club Championship.

RIFLE SHOOTING.—January 10—Public Meeting, Jardine, Matheson's Board Room, 5.30 p.m.



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## INWARD MAILS

From	Per
FRIDAY, JANUARY 9.	
Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London, Dec. 20, 1930).....	Haruna Maru
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London, Dec. 20, 1930).....	Jeypore.
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver, B.C., Dec. 20).....	Empress of Japan
SATURDAY, JANUARY 10.	
Shanghai and Swatow.....	Sui Yang
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, Dec. 12).....	President Harrison
SUNDAY, JANUARY 11.	
Shanghai and Amoy.....	Tissaroca
MONDAY, JANUARY 12.	
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, Dec. 20, 1930).....	Asama Maru
Manila.....	President Madison
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, Dec. 19).....	President Pierce
TUESDAY, JANUARY 13.	
Australia and Manila.....	Kitano Maru
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14.	
Australia and Manila.....	Tai Ping
FRIDAY, JANUARY 16.	
Japan and Shanghai.....	Kashmir
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21.	
Japan.....	Kamo Maru

## OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per
FRIDAY, JANUARY 9.	
Samshui & Wuchow.....	Kong Ning 4 p.m.
Saloon.....	Haidis 4.30 p.m.
SATURDAY, JANUARY 10.	
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles.....	Haruna Maru (Due Marseilles, Feb. 7.)
K.P.O.	G.P.O.
Registration.....Jan. 10, 9 a.m.	Registration.....Jan. 10, 9.45 a.m.
Letters.....10 a.m.	Letters.....10.30 a.m.
Australia (except places North of Brisbane) and New Zealand via Singapore and Brisbane.....	Haruna Maru, connecting with Nieuw Holland at Singapore. (Due Brisbane, Feb. 3.)
Registration.....Jan. 10, 9.15 a.m.	Letters.....10 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa.....	Jeypore.....10.30 a.m.
Fort Bayard.....	Tchekam.....11.30 a.m.
Manila.....	Empress of Japan.....3.30 p.m.
Formosa.....	President Harrison.....5 p.m.
Benledi.....	Benledi.....5 p.m.
SUNDAY, JANUARY 11.	
Bangkok via Swatow.....	Kaying.....9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa.....	Hozan Maru.....9 a.m.
MONDAY, JANUARY 12.	
Swatow.....	Hydrangea.....3 p.m.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. and S. America and Europe via San Francisco.....	President Madison (Due San Francisco, Feb. 4.)
Registration.....Jan. 12, 3 p.m.	Registration.....Jan. 12, 3 p.m.
Letters.....5 p.m.	Letters.....5 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia.....	President Madison (Due San Francisco, Feb. 4.)
Registration.....Jan. 12, 5 p.m.	Letters.....5 p.m.
TUESDAY, JANUARY 13.	
Batavia.....	Tibodas.....10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow.....	Haining.....2 p.m.
Swatow.....	Chak Sang.....5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14.	
Japan.....	Kitano Maru.....9.30 a.m.
Sandakan.....	Yu Sang.....10.30 a.m.
Amoy.....	Tai Yuan.....3.30 p.m.
THURSDAY, JANUARY 15.	
Straits.....	Van Heutz.....10 a.m.
Dairen.....	Rhexenor.....5 p.m.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 16.	
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow.....	Hal Ching.....1 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles.....	Kashmir (Due Marseilles, Feb. 14.)
K.P.O.	G.P.O.
Parcels.....Jan. 16, 4.30 p.m.	Parcels.....Jan. 16, 5 p.m.
Registration.....Jan. 17, 9 a.m.	Registration.....Jan. 17, 9.45 a.m.
Letters.....10 a.m.	Letters.....10.30 a.m.
SATURDAY, JANUARY 17.	
Sandakan.....	Man Sang.....10 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta.....	Ho Sang (Due Thursday Island, Jan. 31.)
MONDAY, JANUARY 19.	
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island.....	Tai Ping (Due Thursday Island, Jan. 31.)
Parcels.....Jan. 19, 5 p.m.	Registration.....Jan. 20, 9.45 a.m.
Letters.....10.30 a.m.	

\*Superscribed correspondence only.

## LAST DAY OF FLAT RACING.

## Bookies "on the Brink of Ruin."

## "HONEST FRED."

Let us call him "Honest Fred." His bowler that was grey, his waistcoat actionable, his voice awful. He was one of the gigantic cohort of bookies at Manchester on Saturday for the last day of flat racing, writes D.D. in the Daily Express. It was a beautiful Manchester afternoon—atishoo!

Smoke and sleet and slush. Honest Fred had his pitch in a puddle. His clerk, a disillusioned man in gold pince-nez, worked slowly and mournfully, only raising his head to say, "Speak up, can't hear yer."

## "Wot A Day!"

Honest Fred also employed a gentleman in a Gladstone collar to hang on the pole of the big umbrella and look like a tent peg. This official was reciting a litany which ran, "Lumme, ain't it wet, me collar's soaked; lumme ain't it wet. Wot a day!"

The three together were impressive.

"Seventy half sovs to a half sov—put it down!"

"Speak up, can't hear yer!"

"Lumme, ain't it wet, me collar's soaked, lumme ain't it wet, wot a day!"

I approached Honest Fred. "Where are you going for your holidays?" I asked cheerily.

"Carey Street," said Honest Fred.

"What can you give me on Richborough?"

"Sixteens."

"But, man alive, they're offering twenty-fives all round."

"Who do you think I am—Lady Ouston?" snapped Honest Fred.

## Brink of Ruin.

It was a singular thing. Throughout that great course on Saturday there must have been more than 2,000 bookies. And every one was on the brink of ruin!

"It's the end of the season, thank heaven," grumbled a portly bookmaker with three diamond rings on his fingers and a bulging satchel. "It's going to be a hard struggle until next year."

"What price Richborough?"

"Tens."

"But Honest Fred offered sixteens," I complained.

"Reckless," said the fat bookmaker, "very reckless."

The pity of it! These splendid fellows, broken and insolvent, had yet turned up to a man to say farewell to the flat season. And, according to the tradition of Last Day, Mrs. Bookie had come as well.

Staunch to the end in her last chinchilla coat and the only remaining car, with only a few paltry caviare sandwiches and a sip of champagne for her frugal luncheon, she attended to be by her husband's side at the last grim struggle.

Popping Corks.

Happy homes were being smashed, children disinherited, fortunes lost all over the course. I took up my stand beside one bookie at every race.

Tommy Atkins won.

"That's torn it!" said the bookie. Glorious Devon won.

"Bust!" said the bookie. Landsong won.

"Alas!" I cried.

"Aye!" said the bookie. The poignancy of it!

And now comes a strange happening. Four extra first-class coaches were put on the 4.10 from Manchester to accommodate the returning bookies.

Champagne popped and sizzled, aromatic smoke filled the coaches, diamonds glittered in the expensive haze. Perspiring stewards flitted up and down with groaning trays of liquor. Great mounds of silver chinked on the card players' tables, mighty wads were being thumbled by jewelled fingers. Wine, smoke, and clinking coin.

And I heard a familiar voice. It came from the corner of the carriage and remarked, "Oh, I'm a dreamer—aren't we all? Jus' a dreamer—r—r—r." It was the voice of Honest Fred.

## -CRICKET.

## LOCAL TEAMS FOR TO-MORROW.

## CHAMPIONS IN ACTION.

The following will represent the K.C.C. and the I.R.C. in a League match on the K.C.C. ground to-morrow at 2 p.m. sharp:

K.C.C.—J. C. Lyle, E. C. Fincher, E. F. Fincher, F. Goodwin, W. Brace, P. Zimmern, W. C. Hwang, G. C. Burnett, F. E. Lawrence, N. A. E. Mackay and R. A. Carroll.

I.R.C.—A. H. Ramjahn (Captain), A. H. Madar, A. el Arculli, A. A. Ramjahn, F. D. Ferrel, S. A. Ismail, A. R. Minu, A. K. Minu, O. Ismail, J. S. A. Curreen and F. M. Arculli.

## Sunday's Game.

The following will represent the Volunteers against the Civil Service Cricket Club at 11 a.m. sharp on Sunday:

E. J. R. Mitchell (Captain), Capt. W. H. G. Gantner, R. R. Davies, A. G. Beck, N. A. E. Mackay, A. Reid, F. S. W. Smith, E. H. D. Wade, J. P. Whitman, G. C. Burnett and H. S. Clippindale.

## Varsity Past &amp; Present Team Against League.

The following have been selected to represent the University Past and Present against the Combined League in an all day match on the Home ground at 11 a.m. on Sunday:

D. J. N. Anderson (Captain), L. T. Eide, S. V. Gittins, F. Zimmern, E. Zimmern, J. L. Youngs, D. K. Samy, A. T. Lee, A. B. Suleman, A. M. Rodriguez and A. Baker.

## University Second Eleven.

The following have been selected to represent the University 2nd XI in a friendly match against Queen's College to-morrow at 2 p.m. sharp on the Home ground:

K. T. Lake (Captain), A. A. Aziz, G. E. Yeoh, P. L. Tan, P. M. N. da Silva, R. Leung, H. Nomanbhoy, W. James, E. Gosano, F. Zimmern and M. Vahnybhoy.

Reserve: W. K. Choa.

## FOOTBALL.

## CLUB RESERVES FOR TO-MORROW.

Against the Eastern, on the Navy ground at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, the Club will be represented by—

Fogwell, Stoker and Potouloff; Sloan, Pouchon and Hynes; Smith, Bell, Strange, Jackson and Tavlin.

Reserve: Hooper.

## HOTEL GUESTS

## AT THE HONG KONG HOTEL.

January 7, 1931.

Mr. H. Arfas.

Messrs. James H. Backhouse, Leo A. Blok, Mr. and Mrs. Barboza, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Brinsmade.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Chockson.

Mr. Leslie S. Day.

Messrs. F. Gregory, C. Garrison.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Gellion, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Garulho.

Messrs. R. H. Hill, R. Holmgren.

Messrs. J. E. Joseph, E. G. Judd.

N. Jurndine, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Johnson.

Messrs. Albert Kopp, S. G. Kirkland.

Mr. C. H. Morgan.

Mr. A. E. Nobbina.

Mr. F. S. Odom.

Mr. C. D. Parker, Madame O. Paulovitch.

Messrs. W. Vander Steen, F. R. Smith, W. Smith, Madame Von Siemens, Madame L. Schlieper.

Mr. B. W. Tyler.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Vasconcelles.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Webster.

Mr. E. A. Yates.

The first interior provincial exhibition to be held in Armstrong was a pronounced success and an event of some importance to the Okanagan Valley. The livestock on show were said by the judges to be as good as any that could be seen at coast cities' fairs, and the results have stimulated the movement to get rid of scrub stock and built up pure-bred herds upon a red ribbon foundation.

## EXCHANGES.

## TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

On London—	
Bank, wire.....	11 1/2
Bank, on demand.....	11 1/2
Bank, 4 months' sight.....	11 1/2
Credits, 4 months' sight.....	1/— 7/16
Documentary, 4 months' sight.....	1/— 9/16
On Paris—	
On demand.....	605
Credits, 4 months' sight.....	645
On New York—	
On demand.....	23 3/4
Credits, 60 days' sight.....	24 3/4
On Bombay—	
Wire.....	66
On demand.....	66
On Calcutta—	
Wire.....	66
On demand.....	66
On Singapore—	
On demand.....	42 1/4
On Manila—	
On demand.....	47 1/2
On Shanghai—	
On demand.....	71.75
Dollar.....	3% dis.
On Yokohama—	
On demand.....	48
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate).....	1/— 3/16
Silver (per oz.).....	13 7/16
Bar Silver in Hong Kong.....	4% prem. nom.
Copper Cash.....	Nominal
Copper Cents.....	3% prem.
Rate of Native Interest.....	3 1/2% p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin.....	23% dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin.....	1/4% prem.

## LONDON EXCHANGES

Rugby, Yesterday.	
Paris.....	123 7/16
New York.....	4.85 15/32
Brussels.....	34.79 1/2
Geneva.....	25.05
Amsterdam.....	12.06 1/2
Milan.....	92 7/16
Berlin.....	20.40 1/2
Stockholm.....	18.03 1/2
Copenhagen.....	18.12 1/2
Oslo.....	18.16 1/2
Vienna.....	34.50 1/2
Prague.....	163.80 1/2
Helsingfors.....	192.92 1/2
Madrid.....	46.45
Lisbon.....	108.24
Athens.....	375
Bucharest.....	318
Rio.....	4% 1/16
Buenos Aires.....	35 1/16
Montevideo.....	35
Bombay.....	1/5 3/4
Shanghai.....	1/3 1/4
Hong Kong.....	11 1/2
Yokohama.....	2/0 15/32
Silver Spot.....	13 7/16
Silver Forward.....	13 5/16

—British Wireless Service.

## MINES DISPUTE.

## SETTLEMENT MAY SOON BE REACHED.

## DECISIVE MEETING.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The decision of the executive of the South Wales Miners' Federation to-day to accept a reference of certain points to an independent Chairman brings the dispute a stage nearer settlement, which is expected to be reached at the joint meeting with owners to-morrow at Cardiff.—British Wireless Service.

## Hope of Settlement.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The anticipation of improvement in the coal dispute after yesterday's conference at the Board of Trade in London was reinforced later by an assurance of Mr. Richards, the miners' delegation president, that "the basis laid down for discussion gives every hope of a settlement being reached."—British Wireless Service.

## MR. T. V. SOONG.

## TALK ON FINANCIAL SITUATION.

Nanking, Yesterday.

Mr. T. V. Soong left for Tientsin by special train last night to confer with Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang on the financial situation in North China.—Reuter.

## HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE

## Opening Daily Official Quotations 9th Jan., 1931.

STOCK.	Buy-ers	Sell-ers	Sales	Non.	Fin. year	Last dividend and when paid
Banks.						
Hong Kong Bank .....	1880	...	1880	1800	Dec.	[Interim 23 s/s 1930 21 s/s 1930] — 42.48 Aug. 11, 80
Chartered Bank .....	...	...	...	171	Dec.	Interim 7 1/2 free LT tax s/s 1930 Sep. — 80
Mercantile Bk., A.B.S. / C. / .....	...	...	...	201	Dec.	[Int. 20 1/2 s/s 1930] free LT tax Sep. — 80
Bank of Asia .....	115	...	...	...	Dec.	88 for 1929 Feb. 25, 80
Insurance.						
Canton Ins. ....	1990	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 27 s/s for 1929] — 640 May 16, 80
Union Ins. ....	555	...	586	(471)	Dec.	[Final 164 s/s for 1929] — 23 May 80, 80
*China Underwriters .....	3.15	3.20	...	...	Dec.	[Interim 24 s/s 1930] None May 80, 80
China Fire Ins. ....	460	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 80 bonus 80 for 1929] — 818 May 80, 80
H. K. Fire Ins. ....	1800	...	...	...	Dec.	247 for 1928 Mar. 26, 80
Shipping.						
Douglases .....	...	...	...	38 1/2	Dec.	1st div. for 1924 .....
H. K. Steamships .....	31	...	...	...	Dec.	121 ex. 2 1/2 on preferred for 1924 and 1925 June 19, 80
Indo-China (Pref.) .....	...	...	...	45	Dec.	1st div. for 1919 .....
(Def.) .....	...	...	...	47	Dec.	Interim 25 Coupons No. 37 Pending
Shell Transport .....	...	...	...	76 3/8	Dec.	free LT tax s/s 1930 Mar. 10, 80
Union Waterboats .....	30	...	...	...	Dec.	at 40 for 1929 .....
Mining.						
Benguet .....	...	...	...	11.10	Dec.	[Final 61 centavo making Puro 1.25 for 1930] Dec. 20, 80
Kailan Mining Ad. s/ .....	...	...	...	28 1/2	June	Fin. 4 1/2 free LT tax Cpn's 33 making 9% for year s/s 1930 Dec. 20, 80
Langkat .....	...	...	...	9 1/2	Dec.	1st div. for year s/s 1929 May 8, 80
S'hai Exploration .....	...	...	...	2 1/2	Dec.	None .....
Loans .....	0 1/2	...	...	...	Dec.	Interim T. 9 1/2 s/s 1930 July 1, 80
*Rauha .....	39	...	...	...	Mar.	Second Int. 1 1/2 s/s year s/s 1930 Dec. 18, 80
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.						
H. K. & K. Wharves .....	173	...	...	...	Dec.	23 for 1929 Mar. 18, 80
H. K. & W. Docks .....	30	...	...	...	Dec.	1st div. for 1924 .....
South Ch. Motors .....	...	...	...	10	...	...
*China Providents (old) .....	5.55	5.65	...	...	...	...
(new) .....	2.0	2.70	...	...	...	...
Hongkew .....	...	...	...	284	Dec.	Interim T. 1 s/s 1930 Sep. 12, 80
N. Engineering .....	...	...	...	6 1/2	Dec.	T. 2.50 for 1929 Feb. 25, 80
Shanghai Docks .....	...	...	...	110	Apr.	T. 1 for year s/s 1930 July 80, 80
Lands, Hotels & Buildings.						
*H. K. & S. Hotels .....	12 1/2	...	...	...	Dec.	20 cents for 1929 Apr. 7, 80
H.K. Lands (old) .....	84 1/2	...	85	...	...	...
(new A) .....	84 1/2	...	84 1/2	...	Dec.	Interim 2 1/2 s/s 1930 Aug. 8, 80
(new B) .....	84 1/2	...	...	...	...	...
Shanghai Lands .....	322	...	...	...	Dec.	Interim T. 2 s/s 1930 July 31, 80
Humphreys (Cum Rm) .....	17.45	...	...	...	Dec.	90 cents for 1929 May 7, 80
H. K. Realties .....	9.10	...	...	...	Dec.	Interim 20 cents s/s 1930 Sep. 4, 80
Chinese Estates .....	...	...	37	...	Feb.	80 for year s/s 1930 July 31, 80
Cotton Mills.						
*Ewo Cotton .....	18.60	...	18.60	...	Dec.	Final T. 2 s/s 1929 Mar. 17, 80
Shanghai Cotton .....	90	...	...	...	Apr. and Oct	T. 2.25 for half year s/s 1930 Nov. 29, 80
Zoong Sing .....	10	...	...	...	June	T. 0.80 for year s/s 1930 Oct. 11, 80
Public Utilities.						
*H. K. Tramways .....	17.20	18.10	...	...	Dec.	Interim 40 cents s/s 1930 Aug. 27, 80
Peak Tram (old) .....	14 1/2	...	...	...	Apr.	[30 cts. on divd for year s/s 1930] 30-40 June 16, 80
(new) .....	...	...	6 1/2	...	...	...
Sar Ferry .....	...	...	94 1/2	...	Dec.	24 for 1929 Feb. 14, 80
*China Light .....	25.10	26 1/2	...	...	Sept.	Final 50 cts. s/s yr. s/s 1930 1 cc. 15, 80
(new) .....	91	91	...	23	Dec.	23.50 for 1929 Mar. 13, 8
H. K. Electric .....	...	...	...	...	June	None .....
Macao .....	12	...	...	...	June	None .....
Sandakan Light .....	19	...	...	35 1/2	Dec.	Int. (40 cents) s/s 1930 Aug. 1, 80
H.K. Tel. fully paid s/ .....	22.90	...	...	7 1/2	Dec.	T. 0.50 for 1929 Feb. 25, 80
part paid .....	...	...	23	...	Sept.	[1 1/2 on preference shares] subject to income tax Feb. 6, 80
China Buss .....	...	...	10.00	...	Dec.	T. 0.50 for 1929 .....
S'pore Traction (Ord.) .....	...	...	7 1/2	...	Sept.	[1 1/2 on preference shares] subject to income tax Feb. 6, 80
(Pref.) .....	...	...	10 1/2	...	...	...
Industrials.						
China Sugars .....	...	...	80 1/2	...	...	In Liquidation. ...
Malayan Sugars .....	...	...	37	...	Dec.	P. 8 for 1928 Apr. 11, 80
Cald: Macg. Ord. .....	...	...	10 1/2	...	Dec.	[P. 0.40] for 7 months 1929 Apr. 30, 80
Pref. .....	...	...	10.40	...	...	...
Canton Ice .....	3.60	...	...	...	July	None .....
*Cements (com.) .....	17.70	...	...	...	...	[30 cents on old] for 1929 Mar. 19, 80
(old) .....	12 1/2	...	...	6.80	...	...
(new) .....	...	...	...	...	...	...
H. K. Ropes .....	12.00	...	...	...	Dec.	1st div. for 1924 .....
Stores, &c.						
Dairy Farm (old) .....	25.60	...	...	...	Dec.	21.80 for 1929 Mar. 14, 80
(new) .....	23 1/2	...	...	...	Oct.	70 cents for year s/s 1930 Mar. 31, 80
Watsons .....	12 1/2	...	...	1	...	...
Der A Wings .....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lane Crawford .....	4	...	...	...	Feb.	1st div. for year s/s 1929 May 16, 80
MacIntosh .....	...	...	19	...	...	...
Sincere .....	18 1/2	...	...	...	Feb.	25 cents 1st year s/s 1929 June 10, 80
Wm. Powells .....	...	...	1.85	...	...	...
Miscellaneous.						
H.K. Amusement .....	...	...	23	...	Mar.	2.20 for year s/s 1930 Sept. 27, 80
C. K. Entertainment .....	13 1/2	...	...	...	...	...
H. K. Construction .....	4.80	...	...	...	Dec.	None .....
B. Ind. G. S. Bonds .....	10%	...	...	...	...	...
H. K. Govt. Loans .....	6%	Prem.	...	...	...	Interest half yearly. ...
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The following programme will  
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metres:—

5-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.  
European Studio Concert.

7-7.35 p.m.—  
Two Movements in Symphonic Form  
(a completion of Schubert's "Unfinished  
Symphony" by Frank Merrick) 1.  
Scherzo 2. Allegro—(Schubert) Can-  
tatory Columbia International Com-  
posers Contest—English Prize Work  
(1928).

Memories of Chopin  
(arr. Willoughby).  
J. H. Squire, Celeste Octet  
(1929).

Orchestral—  
Crown Diamonds—Overture  
(Auber).  
Bournemouth Municipal  
Orchestra (77).

7.35-8 p.m.—Operatic.  
Madame Butterfly—Selections  
(Puccini arr. Tavenor).  
New Queen's Hall Light  
Orchestra (1930).

Cavalleria Rusticana—Easter Hymn  
(Weatherly & Mascagni).  
The British National Opera  
Company (5130).

Rigoletto—Paraphrase  
(Verdi, arr. Liszt).  
Irene Scharrer, Pianist (76).  
8-8.20 p.m.—Variety.

Organ Solo—  
Meet me in my Dreams To-night  
(Nicholls).  
Quentin Maclean (319).

Vocal Duet—  
Underneath the Russian Moon.  
Layton & Johnstone (5670).  
Vocal Quartette—  
Here We Are.  
The Big Four (162).

Song—  
I May Be Crazy. Kit Keen (229).

8.20-8.40 p.m.—Musical Comedy.  
Nippy—Selections.  
The Doherty Somers Band (187).  
The Maid of the Mountains—  
Vocal Gems.  
Columbia Light Opera Co.  
(81).

8.40-8.54 p.m.—Octets.  
The Piccaninies' Picnic (Squire).  
Twilight on the Waters (Squire).  
J. H. Squire, Celeste Octet  
(1928).

Toreador Et Andalouse  
(Rubinstein arr. Sear).  
Romance (Rubinstein arr. Sear).  
J. H. Squire, Celeste Octet  
(1928).

8.54-9 p.m.—Two Selections by  
H.M. Grenadier Guards.  
Polphégor (Brepant).  
Marche Lorraine.  
Conducted by Capt. Geo.  
Miller (5473).

9 p.m.—Weather Report, Local  
Time, etc.

9.05-10 p.m.—Concert from the  
Studio.

1.—The Hilo Harmony Boys—  
a. "Drowsy Waters."  
b. "Drowse."

2.—Mrs. D. Bielby (Soprano)—  
a. "My Hero" (From the Chocolate  
Soldier) by Strauss.  
b. Song—Selected (accompanied by  
Mrs. G. Mitchell).

3.—Mr. Bewick (Tenor-Baritone)—  
a. "The Laughing Policeman."  
b. "Paddy McGilroy's Goat" (accom-  
panied by Mrs. G. Mitchell).

4.—Mrs. M. Portallion (Contralto)—  
a. "Until" (Sanderson).  
b. "Marie My Girl" (Atkin) (accom-  
panied by Mrs. G. W. R. Griggs).

5.—Mrs. D. Bielby (Soprano)—  
a. "Doll's Song" (From Tales of  
Hoffman) by Offenbach.  
b. "The Song That Reached the  
Heart" by J. Jordan (accom-  
panied by Mrs. G. W. R. Griggs).

6.—Mrs. M. Portallion (Contralto)—  
a. "Across the Sea."  
b. "Stepping Along."

10-10.30 p.m.—Experimental Re-  
lay Period.  
God Save The King.  
10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

## Oberland China Mail.

## A WEEK'S PAPERS IN ONE.

A message received from a merchant vessel during the  
week that piratical junks were operating in nearby waters,  
and had attacked a junk owned in Hong Kong, caused the  
Naval authorities to rush H.M.S. Somme to the scene. The  
junks and their crews were rounded up, and the alleged  
pirates later were charged in the Police Court. Details  
appear in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

The inquiry has commenced into the grounding of the  
s.s. Kutsang off Ta Thong on the night of December 17.  
The ship's officers attribute the mishap to the presence of  
fishing junks and bright lights ashore. Particulars of the  
opening stages appear in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

An important decision respecting the rights both of  
pedestrians and drivers of vehicles on the public highway  
was handed down in the Higher Court during the week, in  
a case in which a motorist was sued for damages as the  
sequel to a collision with a rikisha. Full details appear in  
the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

The closing stages of a protracted trial for alleged arson  
saw a dramatic plea for the defence, a report of which  
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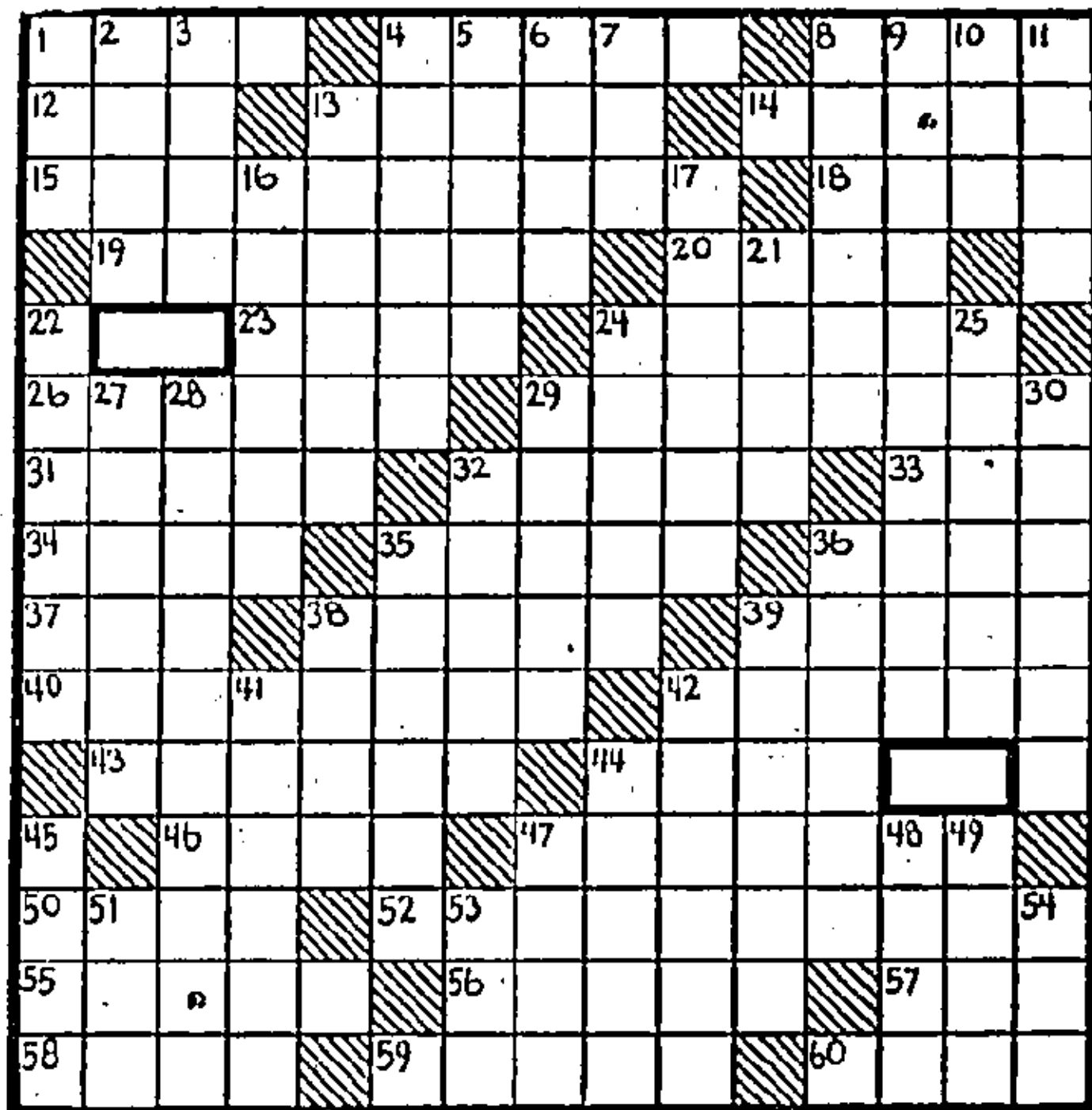
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### DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| <b>HORIZONTAL</b>        | <b>HORIZONTAL (Cont.)</b>             | <b>VERTICAL (Cont.)</b>                      |
| 1-Petty quarrel          | 47-American portrait painter          | 13-Those who enclose in cases                |
| 4-Legal documents        | 50-Dessert (pl.)                      | 18-Civets                                    |
| 8-Thin nail              | 52-A school of higher education (pl.) | 17-Outside coverings of long periods of time |
| 12-Curve                 | 55-Islands (poet.)                    | 22-Imitative                                 |
| 13-Orange-red dyestuff   | 56-European blackbird                 | 24-Functions                                 |
| 14-Grecian island        | 57-House animal                       | 25-Indian wigwag                             |
| 15-Holders               | 58-Playthings                         | 27-Dodged                                    |
| 18-Malt liquor (pl.)     | 59-Wrath                              | 28-In a negative manner                      |
| 19-Regaled               | 60-Trust                              | 29-Sapped                                    |
| 20-Possess               |                                       | 30-Tobacco left in a pipe after smoking      |
| 23-Dregs                 |                                       | 32-Imports                                   |
| 24-Temporary governor    |                                       | 35-Marks denoting omission                   |
| 26-High male voices      |                                       | 38-Less strong                               |
| 29-Vessel                |                                       | 39-Units of work                             |
| 31-Baking places         |                                       | 41-Oboliterates                              |
| 32-Grinding machines     |                                       | 42-One who warns                             |
| 33-Lion (Latin)          |                                       | 44-Coarse woolen stuff                       |
| 34-Letters               |                                       | 45-Saliva                                    |
| 35-Icecream containers   |                                       | 47-Spruce                                    |
| 36-Shed tears            |                                       | 48-French city                               |
| 37-Girl's name           |                                       | 49-Variety of duck                           |
| 38-Roof edges            |                                       | 51-Prefix. Equal                             |
| 39-Press hard upon       |                                       | 53-An age                                    |
| 40-Restrained            |                                       | 54-Pen                                       |
| 42-Animal                |                                       |  |
| 43-Funeral hymns         |                                       |  |
| 44-Financial institution |                                       |  |
| 46-Of great size         |                                       |  |

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

### WATER RETURN.

The level and storage of water in our reservoirs on January 1, 1931, is as under:-

City and Hill District.	1930	1931
Tytam	19' 2" B	23' 4" B
Tytam Bywash	19' 2" B	21' 4" B
Tytam Intermediate	0' 7" B	0' 2" B
Tytam Tuk	13' 11" B	17' 1" B
Wong Nei Chung	10' 1" B	17' 8" B
Pokfulum	10' 11" B	17' 1" B

[Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow". A. denotes "Above Overflow". L. denotes "Level with Overflow".]  
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

	1930	1931
Tytam	295.00	212.98
Tytam Bywash	3.03	2.18
Tytam Intermediate	192.65	104.90
Tytam Tuk	757.42	1,035.33
Wong Nei Chung	10.55	11.55
Pokfulum	42.98	29.94

Total ..... 1,801.93 1,487.04

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of December.

	1929	1930
Consumption	210.64	275.90
Estimated population	438,580	448,900
Consumption per head per day	15.5	10.9

December, 1930.-Constant supply throughout the City, Hill and High Level districts during the whole month with the exception of the districts West of Eastern Street where a constant street fountain supply was operated from December 1 to 31, 1930.

	1930	1931
Kowloon Reservoir	0' 2" A	2' 10" B
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	91' 7" B	1' 1" B
Reception Reservoir	1' 2" B	1' 5" B

Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

	1930	1931
Kowloon Reservoir	854.24	222.54
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	79.23	11.67
Reception Reservoir	23.75	23.75

Total ..... 462.27 468.96

Consumption of water in Kowloon

### TALKIE TALKS

by Diana

There is no question about it. Robert Montgomery is scheduled for prime favourite with the cinema patrons. We will all adore him in "Blushing Brides" due in the Queen's Theatre shortly. Oh! yes; how foolish of me—one of my best bets. Joan Crawford leads the same trio of modern girls, Anita Page and Dorothy Sebastian. The story tells of the adventures of three department store beauties, one a model. Joan is the latter, and, as usual, her histrionic powers are alternated with states of undress. Tragedy follows the three girls as wealthy men try to win them one way or another. Quite daring, but most certainly entertaining, and an excellent cast, including Hedda Hopper, Raymond Hackett, and John Mullan. I have to hand a bouquet to little Antia. It is the best thing she has done for a long while. I make no comment about Joan's work, because an actress is as near perfection as the sun can make. Do I advise you seeing it at least twice? Certainly! In a recent search for real camera beauty Joan Crawford was chosen as the most perfect type. The late Barbara La Marr and Corinne Grimmon possessed beauty that was indisputable, Joan is by no means strictly beautiful, but her features would have thrilled Greek sculptors, and she is in such perfect physical condition, which gives her such grace and poise. Joan uses no make-up in the street and takes daily sun baths which give her an even tan from tip to toe. Dresses very simply now—nearly always in one colour made in straight lines. Never spends any time in beauty parlours, but the dance instructor, gymnast and swimming are her daily regime. Well worth considering. Yes?

At last "The Vagabond King" in the Central Theatre. It is a gorgeous colour spectacle of song, romance, and intrigue. Dennis King possesses a splendid voice, and combines with it a dramatic ability. Jeanette Macdonald looks lovely and sings well. The British actor, O. P. Heggie almost steals the picture. Warner Oland and Lillian Roth, (whom you will like) add to the perfect cast. Grand music which you will recognise. Ludwig Berger directs this operetta in a masterly manner.

Lon Chaney Speaks. Charles Chaplin alone stands voiceless outside the gate. Of course you remember Lon in the silent version. The tale of three sideshow scoundrels. Echo the ventriloquist, Hercules the Giant, and the Midget. The trio take possession of a bird shop, and Echo, posing as an old woman, palms silent parrots on unsuspecting patrons by resorting to ventriloquism. Delivery of the birds gives a chance to look over wealthy homes. Chaney produces five voices. It is a story in a hundred and Chaney is matchless. We want to go and see this wonderful man with the feeling that the good lives after him. It could not die with him, thanks to the genius of the Talkies. Chaney would not like maudlin sentimentality. There was no self-pity in his make-up. He worked terribly hard to gain his end. Imagine a harness round the shoulders that held him for hours in a vice-like grip. One eye blanked out, false teeth and a plastic material altering completely the shape of his mouth. He literally suffered agonies, but he hated to hold up a picture, and worked against the most fearful odds. Talk to any of the staff on

the lot where he worked. His knowledge of humanity was extraordinary. He loved people, he loved to help—anyone and every one—but most essentially the under-dog. He lived simply; he adored his wife, son, and two grandchildren. His charities were innumerable, in spite of his success his head was never turned; there was too much sincerity about him for that. He loved children and dogs. His first wife left him with the small son to rear. There was so little money, only working in vaudeville, doing his turn on the stage, helping to move the scenery, in the intervals warming the milk in a little old alcohol stove for the baby, who lived all his first years in a dressing-room. Chaney was master of all trades, and did bits of everything in the theatre. He became the greatest box-office bet on the screen; there isn't a soul in the world who can take the place he held. Let us keep the memories of "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," "The Penalty," "Laugh, Clown, Laugh," but best of all the memories of the real man, the true philosopher, the great artist who had room in his heart to be human.

"I know a secret." Jobyna Howland and the child wonder Mitz Green won first honours in the recently shown "Honey." Nancy Carroll and Stanley Smith lent support. Oh! I like Lillian Roth, too, more especially in the revival meeting scene. Someone asked me if that were not an exaggeration. Far from it. One has to see these Darkies to appreciate how intensely human, well-meaning, enthusiastic, and deeply religious they all are. It is almost pathetic. I wish we could be shown one of the greatest pictures I have ever seen, "Hall-Elajah." It would be an eye opener to many people here, and they would glimpse what the feelings are of these much-to-be pitied people. Perhaps in one way to be envied, because they find so much solace in their belief.

I do not quite see the object in making the heroine speak with such a marked German accent (mark you, it was perfectly done) because it made it difficult for the average person to understand. It certainly once again showed the marvellous versatility of Ruth Chatterton, but I was relieved when she came back to normal in "Sarah and Son." I liked the story. I liked the cast, and more than ever I am convinced that she is second to none; others SHARE with her. The great and glamorous Ruth was born in New York (this merely as information to the many who ask me if she is British). Her parents were wealthy. She had a lovely home life amidst cultured surroundings, and an excellent education. She tried the stage for a whim, but she learned to love it. Went into stock companies, became lead with Henry Miller on Broadway, made her first movie with Emil Jannings, married Ralph Forbes, and is intensely happy. Her voice is delightful, and her singing voice also surprisingly beautiful. Her latest "Anybody's Woman," is a riot in two London theatres. They love her there.

### HOLLYWOOD GOSSIP.

Greta Garbo is being soundly spanked by the thousands of cinema patrons who write to the movie magazines, because they dislike the way she ignores their letters and requests. The love of privacy that some of these stars crave is all right in its way, but they are more or less the servants of a fickle public, and, after all, it is Mr. and Mrs. Public who keep them in their stellar positions. Marlene Dietrich threatens the throne held by Greta, so she is becoming more human, and actually was recently seen all

day on the beach at Malibu, dining in restaurants, and even a party. It set all Hollywood gossiping. Charles Chaplin has thrown down the gauntlet, and is gambling on "City Lights" to revolutionise the film industry more or less. I think I told you that in real reel of "Morocco" (Marlene Dietrich and Gary Cooper's great hit) there is not even sound. Charles was talking like a father to Harold Lloyd at a recent dinner party and argued that their style of comedy is based on situation, not dialogue. The voice detracts from the essential humour of a real comedy situation; and, what is more, Harold agreed, and admits that he will talk as little as possible in his next picture. There are sound and music, in "City Lights" flatly refuses to speak. He claims there is a big market for the silents, and that about one-third of the New Year releases will carry out his statement. The only universal language ever known was the silent picture. I think he is right. We will adopt the Aquaph policy—

Mary Pickford recently gave the most perfectly managed successful dinner dance in the Ambassador's to welcome back from Europe the friend and patron of the motion picture industry, Randolph Hearst. People vied with each other to be seen there. Only the MOST successful landed an invitation. Marie Dressler was the belle of the ball. Gorgeously gowned in deep purple with diamonds and an ermine wrap, she was, as usual, the centre of the gayest group, and was chosen by Mr. Hearst as his partner to open the ball. Mary in a gown of white chiffon with thousands of iridescent beads covering it, and a huge corsage of white orchids on her shoulder, sat at a large table with her guest of honour on her right and her husband on her left (I ask you!) At this table she was the only woman amongst the heads of all the various studios. At small tables dotted round the room sat the other guests. The beautiful Gloria Swanson sat with our own Sir Philip Sassoon, Charlie Crocker, Marian Davies, and Harry Crocker the millionaire. The decorations were orchids, gardenias and roses. Evelyn Laye sang two songs amidst a great applause. Some party, believe it or not!

Dolores del Rio has been seriously ill, and the production of "The Dove" has been postponed. Renee Adoree has to remain in the Arizona Sanitarium for another year, but Lila Lee is better and will shortly be married to John Farrow, the writer.

Lottie Howell, seen and liked in "In Old Madrid," was a member of the Broadcasting Studio controlled by RKO. She is doing well in pictures now. The romance of Virginia Valli and Charles Farrell still flourishes, Norma Talmadge is back from the Riviera—no picture plans as yet.

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## NO DANGER IN SELF ITALIAN PILOT NOW RESUMES.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Discussion is proceeding upon the specific heads drawn up by the Chairman, Sir William Jowitt and considerable time has been spent on questions of the changes towards an all-India service, the desirability of securing an element of European recruitment, and the responsible authority for such recruitment.

### Defence Questions.

The Defence Sub-Committee of the Conference has considered the following heads:—  
 First, Indianisation in the army, including the establishment of an Indian Sandhurst.

Secondly, the question as to whether any separate force should be raised and maintained outside the regular army, on the lines discussed in last Saturday's Commission report, and the Government of India dispatch.

Thirdly, the establishment of a Military Council.

Fourthly, the financial liability of India for costs of defence.

Lord Peel, the Conservative delegate, is addressing the Federal Structure Committee to-day.—British Wireless Service.

### Britain's Policy.

London, Yesterday.

An important announcement of the Government's intentions in relation to the Round Table Conference was made by Lord Sankey at the Federal Structure Sub-Committee meeting. He said Mr. MacDonald would consider the reports of the committees, and make a declaration of the Government's policy and intentions at the plenary meeting at the end of next week, or the beginning of the week following.

Lord Sankey said he believed that a solution of their difficulties would be found along the lines of the most helpful and valuable contribution to the discussion made by Lord Reading. He was sure, however, that all parties desired to join in taking steps to restore peace and prosperity to India, and satisfy the ambitions and aspirations of her wisest sons. "I have no doubt that before long she will realise them." (Loud applause).—Reuter.

## Rejoins Col. Balbo's Atlantic Squadron.

### FORCED LANDING.

Rome, Yesterday.  
 A message from Port Natal states that Captain Donatelli, whose aeroplane came down owing to engine trouble, has resumed his flight and rejoined Col. Balbo's squadron here.—Reuter.

## CLUTCHING HAND.

### BAG SNATCHER CAUGHT ON SPOT.

### JAIL AND BIRCH.

To-day Chan Hing was charged in the Second Court before Mr. E. H. Williams with the theft of a hand bag containing \$24.60, the property of Mrs. Vanley.

Inspector Shaftain said that the complainant was walking in Des Voeux Road Central near the Sincere Company, when the defendant came up from behind and snatched her bag. A friend of complainant seized hold of the man. Both shouted and a Chinese came on the scene and took hold of the defendant. The Inspector added that the defendant did not have any chance to run away, as he was caught on the spot.

His Worship passed sentence of one year's hard labour with 18 strokes of the birch.

Conviction in Kowloon.

For snatching a hand bag from a Chinese woman in Waterloo Road, an unemployed Chinese, Yim Fan, was sentenced to one year's imprisonment and 20 strokes at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. Sub-Inspector Clarke said that the woman, Lau Wai-man, was coming out of the Post Office in Waterloo Road about 8 p.m. yesterday, carrying a little child, when defendant approached and snatched her hand bag, and bolted. He was chased by a Chinese constable, and caught by a plain clothes detective.

The hand bag contained \$5.50, a mirror, and a ferry ticket.

Child Nearly Victimised.

Leung Sum (26), an unemployed Chinese, also appeared at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning charged with attempting to snatch a rattle and gold bangle from a Chinese child aged three years.

## SLUMP IN SILVER.

(Continued from Page 1.)

dumping has caused the abnormal fall in the value of silver and China has been the greatest sufferer.]

### Canada Steps In.

Washington, Yesterday.  
 It is noteworthy that this silver loan suggestion last night dovetails with the plans of the Canadian Ministry of Trade, which is credited here with the proposal for a \$200,000,000 loan to China, with the object of restoring the value of silver and aiding China's rehabilitation.—Reuter's American Service.

[Mr. Stevens, the Canadian Minister for Trade, referring to the Premier, Mr. Bennett's speech on December 31, in which he stated Canada was taking steps to arrange a large loan for China to enable the marketing of wheat and other Canadian products in the Orient, stressed the necessity for co-operative action with other countries to rehabilitate the financing of Oriental countries.]

He said the proposal had secured a strong measure of support among the leading bankers of the world, as raising the standards of eastern civilisation would involve an increase of their buying power, thus supplying a market for the commodities of Canada, other North American and European countries.]

### STABBING AFFRAY SEQUEL.

As a sequel to the stabbing affair at the Kowloon Godowns, when two men were removed to hospital with wounds in the stomach, Leung Yu was charged in the Kowloon Court to-day with cutting and wounding Ho Cho and Yip Sik. A charge of common assault on Lo Hin and Wan Shu was also preferred.

A remand of a further week was granted, one of the patients still being in hospital.

grandson of Wang Yun-kun, of Castle Peak Road.

Sub-Inspector Hourihan projected. The child was playing outside the house with several companions, when defendant attempted to remove the bangle from the child's wrist. On failing to do so, he ran away, but cries from the children attracted an Indian constable, who caught defendant.

Defendant denied snatching the bangle, and said that he was running because of the cries of "snatch bangle."

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